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BAVARIA BUILDS BIG ELECTRIC POWER STATION

Electrification of Railways
on Extensive Scale Has
Already Begun

COMPLETE SYSTEM BUILT UP SINCE WAR

Walchense Company Forms
Keystone of Great Scheme
of Industrial Development

MUNICH, Dec. 6 (Special Correspondence).—With the construction of a great new water power station known as the Walchensewerk it has been possible for the Bavarian power companies and public authorities to complete the most comprehensive scheme of intercommunication and co-ordination of current supply yet achieved in Europe. A program of intensive development has been prepared, and from the linked-up stations the whole of Bavaria will be electrified at the lowest possible cost. Rapid progress has been made during the past two or three years, and the electrification of the railways on a large scale has already begun.

The part assigned to the Walchense station in this ambitious scheme gives it a much more than local interest, which is expressed by students of electrical development in England and other continental countries. Its capacity is nearly 100,000 kilowatts, but there are two sets of distinctive turbines. One, providing about half the power, is devoted for the special purpose of supplying current for railway electrification. The other turbines generate current for direct ordinary supply to various districts, and they also take the peak load of all the other Bavarian stations, a service which substantially reduces the extra generating costs, and which is made possible by the complete intercommunication of the stations and main transmission lines.

Five Other Stations
There are five other stations. Two, operated by water power, are situated on the middle and lower reaches of the Isar which flows through Munich. The remaining three are steam stations, using lignite, as part of the plan for substituting brown for black coal wherever possible. The total power capacity is about 500,000 kilowatts. If each of these stations had continued to operate as an independent enterprise, costly extensions to plant would have been necessary to cope with the increasing demand for current, but the extended plant would only have been used during a short peak load period each day. The increased revenue would not therefore have compensated for the increase in overhead charges.

The Walchense station, working with an assured minimum supply of water throughout the year, and having the most modern cost-saving equipment, is capable of taking the peak load of the system, with the result that a much higher average load factor is attainable at all the

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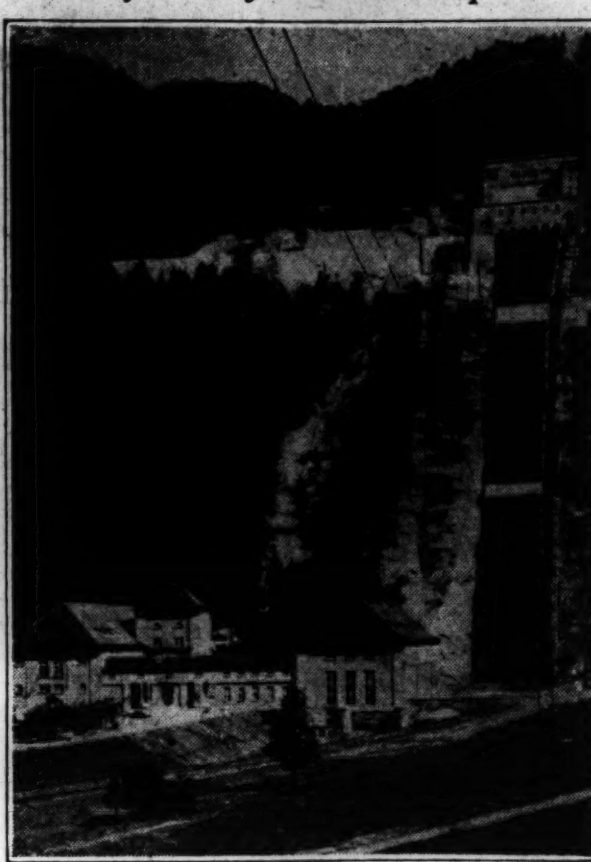
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IRISH CONSIDER AERIAL PROBLEM

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By Special Cable

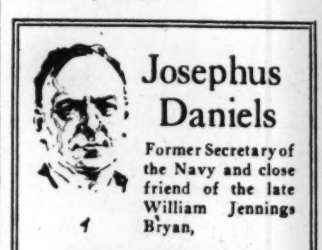
DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The Irish Free State is considering a proposal to turn the air wing of the army into a quasi civil force. The Christian Science Monitor representative understands it is an expensive luxury for the Free State to maintain a military aviation arm, especially as it could never hope to be of any use except in local disturbances, and even then it is problematical whether it would be employed.

The suggestion is therefore made to the Executive Council of the Free State that some form of aerial mail and passenger service be devised. The scheme is not yet fully elaborated, but the Monitor representative understands that it includes a mail and passenger service between England and Queenstown to link up with the American liners and a Dublin-Manchester service.

Details are being considered during an unofficial visit of Sir Sefton Branker, Director of Civil Aviation in Great Britain, who is at present the guest of the Governor-General at Viceroy's Lodge.

By Cable from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 24.—One of the most daring light airplane flights was made yesterday from London to Dublin by Colonel the Master of Semple in a tiny de Havilland Moth two seater. The flying time was 4 hours, 45 minutes, with one halt. The flight, made despite strong head winds, included a 70 mile open-sea crossing. The machine used is believed to be the first practical airplane which can be owned and flown by a man without specialized knowledge. The 60 horsepower engine resembles an automobile and can be started by the pilot without leaving his seat. The airplane can be wheeled on the ground by one man and the claim is made that the operating expenses are less than for a high-powered car. The maximum speed is 90 miles per hour.

The Master of Semple, eldest son and heir to Baron Semple, who was an air officer in the Great War visited the United States on one occasion as representative of the British Air Ministry, and in 1921 he was appointed to organize the Japanese naval air service. He is at present a director of the International All Steel Aircraft Syndicate.



Has Reviewed
Mr. Bryan's
Memoirs
for The Christian
Science Monitor.

This Article Will Appear in
SATURDAY'S
MONITOR
ON THE BOOK PAGE

BUTLER REVEALS DIFFICULTIES AS POLICE HEAD

Came Eager to Save, He
Said, but Found Politicians
Didn't Want Salvation

By a Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—Gen. Smedley D. Butler, ousted from the office of Commissioner of Public Safety by Mayor Kendrick, summed up for The Christian Science Monitor the difficulties he experienced in his two years' service. He called attention to the fact that in 1924 the Mayor went to Washington to implore the President for a leave of absence for General Butler, but he might "clean up" Philadelphia. He laid emphasis on the fact that politics had played a large part in the handicaps under which he worked. "When I came to Philadelphia in 1924," he said, "I supposed that I might stop drinking all I had to do was to arrest the man who sold drink, and the man who purchased it. I found I was mistaken: it was not so simple as that. My task was not only to fight the bootlegger, but the policeman who gave him protection, the ward politician who made a rake-off from the policeman, the higher political hierarchy of the whole big machine, and finally, the Mayor, who was the head of the machine. I had to fight public apathy which allowed such conditions to exist. I had to force my own weapons. I had to distrust my own men. Of the 28 city magistrates in Philadelphia, there were only two or three whom I could count on for support. That was what I was up against!"

General Butler says he came to Philadelphia eager to "save" the city, but found that politicians did not really want to be "saved," except for political effect.

"They wanted me for a figure-head," he continued. "They told me to keep after crime—but to let vice and liquor violations alone. Well, in two years' service I have cut down major offenses 40 per cent, and I have made headway against vice and crime, and everyone except the politicians."

Weakness of Support

The inconclusive result of his prohibition enforcement drive, General Butler attributes to failure of the majority of the elected city magistrates to support him, together with lack of support from the Philadelphia political organization. In Philadelphia the 28 city magistrates who sit on petty cases in the lowest courts are not required to have legal training. They receive small salaries, and hold their posts by virtue of votes in the divisions where they sit. It is alleged that they are nearly all in league with the Philadelphia political machine, which elects them and which is dominated by one party.

An observer found one of these courts close in the shadow of the central railroad station, on a poor back street of the city, where small shops were merging into a warehouse area. Under the gill bays of a paint shop was the entrance to a dirty flight of stairs, leading to a second floor, "walk-up" apartment, where the court was located.

Taxation in Canada

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 16 (Special Correspondence).—Plans are under way for the holding of an interprovincial conference on taxation next May, according to an announcement made here by R. V. Craig, Attorney-General in the Manitoba Government. The primary object of the meeting will be to endeavor to bring about uniformity of taxation legislation in the provinces of Canada. Efforts also will be made to do away with multiple taxation, as well as to induce the Dominion Government to refrain from imposing any federal succession duties.

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Telephone Every Five Miles for Texas Road

By the Associated Press

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 24.—THE surf-side drive which is to run 135 miles along Padre Island, connecting Brownsville and Corpus Christi, is to have a telephone station every five miles for convenience of tourists who might have automobile trouble. Poles for the lines have arrived here and at Corpus Christi, and are being distributed along the route the drive will follow.

The drive will be the longest island drive in the world, it is said, and will shorten distance between Brownsville and Corpus Christi and other points more than 50 miles.

NEW YORK STATE CENSUS RECORDS GAIN OF 776,924

Five-Year Rise to 11,162,151 Is Greatest Since 1905-1910 Period

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24 (Special).—Announcement by Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, Secretary of State for New York, that the 1925 state census gives New York State a population of 11,162,151, means that at the present time there is an average of 234 persons to each square mile in the State, as compared with 217 persons to the square mile in 1920 and 152 persons to the square mile 25 years ago.

New York State's population gain during the last five years amounts to 776,924, and is the largest growth made by the State since the five-year period between 1905 and 1910, when the State added 1,046,306 residents. In 25 years New York State's population has increased 4,000,000 persons.

Seven of the 62 counties in New York State are shown by the 1925 census figures to have grown faster during the last five years than in any other similar period in their history. The only county in the State to lose population was Allegany, located on the Pennsylvania line, and which showed a loss of 27 residents during the five years.

There are 4666 Indians in New York State, according to the 1925 census figures. There are seven Indian reservations in the State. 5,873,356 in New York City

New York City is given a population of 5,873,356, which represents a growth of a little more than 250,000 during the last five years and approximately the same gain as was made by the State between 1910 and 1915, but falls short of the growth made between 1915 and 1920, when the cities of New York State gained at the expense of the villages because of the prevailing high wages being paid in cities and centers of industrial activity.

The population of New York State is approximately equally divided between the metropolis and the remainder of the State. New York City has 5,873,356, while the remainder of the State has a population of 5,288,795. Counties immediately joining the metropolis have grown by leaps and bounds during the last five years.

Talk of Reapportionment

of New York Legislators
Special from Monitor Bureau
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Spokesmen for large organizations in New York City have confirmed unofficially the figures given out by Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, Secretary of State, putting the present city population at 5,873,356, an increase of 253,308 in the last five years.

"The state census figures are substantially correct," said Dr. Walter Laidlaw, secretary of the Cities Census Committee, in an interview.

"Whatever losses there are from the expected gains are more than accounted for by the increase in population in the suburban towns of New York and New Jersey."

Dr. Laidlaw said that a close analysis of figures revealed a loss in the foreign population of the city. Protests against the figures are coming from Democrats, who see in the low total a possible danger of reapportionment by the Legislature to decrease the Manhattan representation and thereby strengthen Republican control of the State Senate and Assembly. Talk of a possible recount by the city police is current among those who want to see the State figures abolished.

In his analysis, Dr. Laidlaw called attention to the fact that the population of cities and incorporated villages of more than 2500 inhabitants now is 3,288,001, an increase of 318,205, as compared with the 1920 figures.

TO REDUCE GAS RATE

Reduction of 20 cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas after the first 1000 used, which is an increase of 33.3 per cent, as compared with the expected gain of 64.907.

I. C. C. CHANGES MAY PLAY PART IN RAIL MERGER

Recent Shifting of Personnel Expected to Affect Problem

By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Changes of personnel in the Interstate Commerce Commission are expected in the railroad world to be of influence on the Nickel Plate merger, now before that body. Final arguments begin in Washington Dec. 28.

Judge Charles C. McChord, who has just resigned from the Commission, was considered an opponent of the plan promoted by the Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland, to merge five lines into a great consolidated trunk system. With Judge McChord in opposition, the Commission was said to be deadlocked on the merger question. It was counted five for approval and five for disapproval.

The eleventh member, Thomas F. Woodcock of New York, who has just been renominated for a full term by President Coolidge, did not figure in the poll. The understanding has been that as a former director of the Pere Marquette railroad (one of the Van Sweringen lines in the merger), Commissioner Woodcock would refrain from voting on the merger when decision is necessary.

If his nominated successor, Richard V. Taylor of Alabama, should not be confirmed by the time the commission finally passes on the merger, its approval by a vote of five to four is now deemed probable.

Resignation Was Unexpected

Judge McChord's intention to resign from the commission took official Washington wholly by surprise. He was in his sixteenth successive year there following appointment by President Taft in 1909, and was known to be fond of the work, at which he had become an acknowledged and respected expert.

His friends explain his retirement as due to a desire to follow the many examples set by former federal officials, who have established long but underpaid service as specialists in various government departments.

Few lawyers in the United States possess Judge McChord's intimate acquaintance with railroad jurisprudence as it links up with government practices. The Nickel Plate merger case will approach decision at the beginning of arguments before the Interstate Commerce Commission next week. Hearings, pro and con, have been in intermittent progress since last winter. The merger is opposed by minority stockholders' groups of the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Potomac, the Valley Railroad Company, which is a subsidiary of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Van Sweringen purpose incorporating in their consolidated system.

Eminent counsel will take part in the arguments. Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, is of counsel for the Van Sweringen, which favors the merger. Col. Henry W. Anderson of Virginia, now the United States representative on the Mexican Claims Commission, is counsel for the protesting Chesapeake & Ohio stockholders.

W. A. Colston, former director of finance of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is now general counsel for the Nickel Plate System, will be associated with Mr. Baker.

By the terms of the Interstate Commerce Act, the Interstate Commerce Commission is empowered to approve or disapprove consolidations. The Van Sweringen merger is a consolidation in effect, if not in law. If the Commission declines to approve, the Van Sweringen plan is legal and approved. It will mean that individual railroad consolidations can be effected without waiting for Congressional action.

The Coolidge administration maintains its belief in the efficacy of a "system of consolidations" among American railroads. The President in his recent message to Congress recommended that the Interstate Commerce Commission be empowered to approve or disapprove consolidations.

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Harvard Glee Club Adviser

Explains Prize Song Protest

"Lamp in the West," 1926 Selection, Regarded by College Vocalists as Being Unsuitable—Withdraws From Contest

In order to clarify the position of the Harvard Glee Club in the matter of its announced withdrawal from the Intercollegiate Glee Club Contest to be held in March in Carnegie Hall, New York, John K. Watson, graduate business adviser of the Harvard Glee Club, issued the following statement today:

"The Intercollegiate Musical Corporation was organized with the Harvard Glee Club as a charter member, for the purpose of raising the standards of music sung in the colleges.

"This plan worked well until the fall of 1925 when Horatio Parker's 'Lamp in the West' was submitted to Harvard for the 1926 contest. Harvard immediately objected and requested that another song be chosen. The Corporation informed Harvard that the song submitted was an arbitrary selection and that Harvard must either sing it or withdraw.

To Handle Alien Property

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Portable Steam

Sawmill Indicted

Despoiling Communities of
Their Forest Assets, Says
Extension Forester

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 24 (AP).—The portable steam sawmill, extension forester at the University of New Hampshire, for despoiling many New Hampshire communities of their forest assets. He points out that in earlier days farmhouses usually were built of local lumber and many villages were centered about a sawmill, which gave opportunity for consistent and gradual cutting of timber.

"Today," he says, "there are very few communities that have an opportunity to cut a few thousand feet of lumber and have it milled. The average portable mill is not equipped with machinery to dress lumber, since it is invariably jumping from one lot to another in a fly-by-night, bootlegging manner. This deprives the community of interest, since the owner, operator and crews are usually not citizens in the town in which they operate."

"Many communities have waked up to the fact that their lumber has gone and that they have in its place slash-and-burn areas, often burned and reduced to a low taxing basis. We are buying our lumber from the Far West at four times the price of 30 years ago."

"Without doubt the average community in New Hampshire has sufficient lumber within its borders to supply its wants in every way if there were a permanent mill catering to the needs of the community and disposing of the balance to towns less fortunate."

Mr. Fletcher believes that the future sawmill should be one having a yearly capacity equal only to the amount of timber growing annually within a working unit of sufficient size contiguous to the mill.

BERLIN COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT'S DECISION

By Special Cable

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Commenting on President Coolidge's acceptance of the League of Nations' invitation to the disarmament discussion, the Berliner Tageblatt says that the President's decision is an important step toward the closer co-operation of the United States and Europe, and that the end of America's voluntary isolation is near.

The American delegates, however, it is held here, will demand considerable changes in the Geneva conference program. Germany will not reply to the invitation before January, partly because the new Cabinet is unformed and partly owing to the cessation of all political work during the holidays, but no doubt is felt that the Reich will accept the invitation.

BETTER CITIZEN CRUSADE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Lyceum-Chautauqua Spon-
sored Movement Reports
Development

IS HIGHLY INDORSED
BY PROMINENT MEN

Designed to Meet Crisis of
Mounting Crime With Bet-
ter Influences

Special from Monitor Bureau

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A better citizenship crusade, reaching into small towns, and large cities throughout North America, a movement that was inaugurated at the recent twenty-third annual convention of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association, is rapidly gaining momentum and accomplishing important objectives which were set at the conference. Ralph Parlette, chairman of the association's Better Citizenship Conference Committee, said here in an interview.

Mr. Parlette revealed that it is planned to invite a speaker of international repute to address the next conference of this group in a meeting to be held in connection with the Philadelphia Sesqui-centennial.

Chautauqua and Lyceum lecturers are presenting the message of better citizenship in practically every address they make, regardless of their subject. Any acts that tend to develop better homes, schools, more churches and church activities, respect for law, and progress are regarded by the association as promoting better citizenship. Mr. Parlette commented.

The Objective and Pledges

The fundamental objective actuating members of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association in this movement is expressed as follows:

"To meet the national crisis arising from the mounting wave of crime, the association solemnly pledges itself:

"To join with the home, school and church in fostering wholesome forms of human life.

"To challenge the press of America to work with us in this vital endeavor.

"To demand of all in public or private station that they unswervingly conform to law in precept and practice.

"To work for the elimination of the defective and the delinquent."

Millions Reached Annually

"Lyceum courses are held in thousands of towns all over America, in both Canada and the United States, and Chautauquas are held in many more," continued the chairman. "In one year the number of people directly and indirectly reached by the Lyceum and Chautauqua, or the platform, as it is commonly called to distinguish it from the stage, runs into millions. The platform is sustained and intelligently directed by spirited citizens of the community, who guarantee its expenses and sell the tickets. As this powerful and popular movement declares itself aggressively for 'better citizenship,' it means that vast agencies for civic awakening and leadership are put into action."

The better citizenship conference of the association presented three questions. The speakers themselves formed the audience and listened to eminent men from other fields who told of conditions as they see them. The questions asked were:

"What is better citizenship? What is the need of better citizenship? What can the platform do to promote better citizenship?"

Among speakers was Clarence H. Howard, head of the Commonwealth Steel Company of St. Louis, Mo., and prime mover in the junior association of commerce, who told of his work with boys in St. Louis, where he is head of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a leader in young people's educational activities. He employed thousands of men and described how the Golden Rule was worked in the Commonwealth plant. "Make better workmen and they will make better steel," he said.

Other speakers were E. J. Davis of the Better Government Association of Chicago; William McAndrew, superintendent of public schools in Chicago; James Schermerhorn, former editor of the Detroit Times; John Williamson, former director of law enforcement in Chicago; Harry F. Atwood, leader of the Back-to-the-Constitution movement in the United States; Henry J. Allen, former Governor of Kansas, and E. L. Gaines, director of publicity of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Chamber of Commerce.

Messages of Greeting

Messages of greeting and answers to these three questions came from Col. E. M. House and from the governors of Alaska and Hawaii. They came from Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior; James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor; and from James J. Tager, commissioner of the Bureau of Education.

The governors of Ohio, Vermont, Missouri, Arkansas, Nevada, South Dakota, Iowa and Oregon sent special messages. Similar views on Better Citizenship and what the platform can do to promote it were received from Senators George Wharton Pepper, Royal S. Copeland, Simon D. Pess, Frank E. Willis, William E. Borah, William E. Mc-

FENG SEVERELY
DEFEATS GEN. LINational Army Troops Enter
Tientsin—Li Seeks
Refuge With Japanese

PEKING, Dec. 24 (P)—Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's National Army troops entered Tientsin this morning after several days' fighting in which thousands were killed or wounded. The troops of General Li Ching-ling, Civil Governor of Chihli and Feng's enemy, are fleeing in disorder.

Chaos reigns in the native quarters of Tientsin, where soldiers attached to the defeated army are engaged in looting. Foreign volunteers and troops are protecting the gates of the foreign settlement, which is barricaded.

Feng's supporter, Sun Yueh, has been appointed Tupan (civil governor) of Chihli to succeed Li. A work train has left Peking to repair the railway, which has been closed to traffic for two weeks owing to the fighting.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (P)—Gen. Li Ching-ling, defeated by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang at Tientsin, is reported to have taken refuge in the Japanese concession, accompanied by his staff.

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (P)—Kokusai (Japanese News Agency)—Advices from Mukden, Manchurian capital, say that adherents of Gen. Chang Tso-lin, Manchurian warlord, claim that the war lord administered a severe blow to Gen. Kuo Sun-ling when he yesterday captured Paikpin, cut Kuo's lines of communication, and captured a quantity of munitions.

It is asserted that Chang's forces have already captured 12 field guns, 20 heavy guns and many prisoners. It is said that Chang has offered a big reward for the capture of Kuo.

The situation is extremely confusing to Tokyo. The Foreign Office claims that the defeat of Chang Tso-lin is only a matter of time, while the War Office says that Chang has a chance for victory.

Gen. Nansu Matsui, for a long time adviser to Chang Tso-lin, has returned to Tokyo, but Government spokesmen deny he was recalled.

ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC RUMORS
By Special Cable
BUCHAREST, Dec. 24—The arrival in Bucharest of Prince Anton Bibescu, Rumanian Minister at Washington, has revived the rumors that the Rumanian Government will shortly appoint a new minister to the United States. It is stated that Prince Bibescu had serious differences with the minister in London, Nicolas Titulescu, when the latter recently headed the debt funding mission to the United States.

World News in Brief

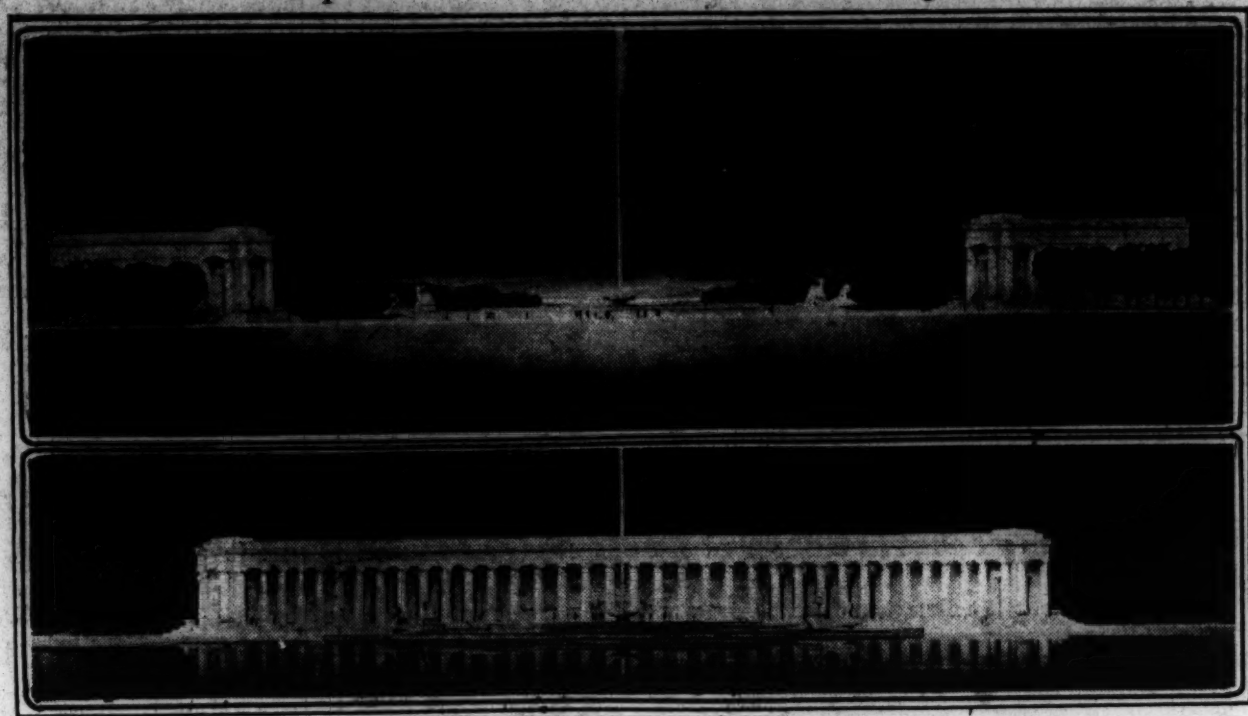
Butte, Mont. (Special)—Liquor, mash, stills, automobiles and other accoutrements of the illicit liquor trade which fell into the hands of the enforcement officers in this State this year would sell for approximately \$2,315,000, according to an official estimate.

New York (P)—A giant searchlight that will throw its rays 150 miles out to sea will be erected on the shore of the Broadway Temple skyscraper-Church Building to be built on Broadway at 173d Street, it is announced. Final plans for the 24-story building have just been approved and the apartment house section is expected to be completed by October.

Washington—Postal savings deposits increased during November, the Post Office Department announced. Decreases were listed in the seven large cities leading in such deposits. Kansas City, eighth in rank, reported an increase. Cities in Florida and in several western farm states reported gains.

Ann Arbor, Mich. (Special)—The University of Michigan trustees have authorized the starting of condemnation suits to obtain Haven Avenue property upon which the College of Architecture will be built. Provision was made by the last Legislature for the erection of a College of Architecture building and a new University Museum.

Proposed Roosevelt Memorial at Washington



The Top Picture is a View From Across the Lagoon, Showing the Ends of the Colonnades. The Lower View is From the Colonnade, Looking Toward the Other With the Fountain in the Center.

SYRIAN FIGHTING
REPORTED ENDED

Armistice Said to Have Been Signed by Druses and French Commissioner

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24 (P)—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druse tribesmen and the new French High Commissioner in Syria, Henri de Jouvenel. All prisoners held by the French authorities in Syria on political charges are to be liberated, the report adds.

LONDON, Dec. 24 (P)—Cabling from Damascus on Wednesday, Reuters' correspondent in Syria said that the French were trying to speed up their peace negotiations with the Druses. They were moved by disquieting rumors regarding the situation on the northern frontier, where Turkish bands were reported to be musing. The Turks, it was said, had even occupied some of the French posts.

The French peace delegation which conferred with the leaders of

PLEA FOR PEACE
MADE IN BRITAIN

Lady Oxford Urges Country to Change "Its Whole Armor in Favor of Peace"

By Cable from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 24—A plea to Great Britain, on the approach of a festival associated with love and good will, to "change its whole armor in favor of peace," was voiced by Lady Oxford (formerly Mrs. Asquith) in a letter published in the Times today. Lady Oxford said:

"We were told that we were faced with a great industrial upheaval arising from the struggle between Capital and Labor. To thoughtful men these are one and the same thing and Abraham Lincoln rightly diagnosed the position when he said in one of his messages to Congress, 'Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if labor had not existed first. Capital has rights which are as worthy of protection as any other rights. But labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.'"

"Let us make sure that labor is receiving this consideration today," Lady Oxford continues, adding: "We have a Prime Minister who is not bellicose, a leader of the Opposition who disclaims violence and a Liberal Party, all anxious to avoid a conflict. There are many letters to the Times and other newspapers from leaders of industry in favor of some personal effort to arrive at a better understanding between the masters and men."

"Hence," Lady Oxford concludes,

GREEK VOTING COMPULSORY

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (P)—The Greek Government has decided to combat Communism. To this end it will make voting in the future compulsory. This is an outcome of municipal elections at Saloniki, where Mr. Patrikios was re-elected Mayor, notwithstanding the fact that the Government had annulled his previous election on the ground that he was a communist.

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ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL DESIGN
IS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS

Plan Provides Two Curving Colonnades of White Granite, Facing a Lagoon—Government Asked to Provide Site on Potomac River at Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—The design for the proposed Roosevelt Memorial, of which John Russell Pope, of New York, is the architect, has been submitted to Congress by the Roosevelt Memorial Association. James R. Garfield, president of the association, gave out the following statement regarding the design:

At the center of an island of white granite, set in a circular body of water, flanked by majestic colonnades, a living altar; from the center, with prodigious power 200 feet. From the base of the fountain, symbolical ships carry the message of Roosevelt's life to the four points of the compass.

That, in brief, is John Russell Pope's design for the national memorial to Theodore Roosevelt. No tablet and no guide-book need explain why a spring of living water was chosen as the symbol of that source of inexhaustible vitality.

Technical Details

The island from which the fountain rises is 280 feet in diameter, the basin, 800 feet; from the center of one colonnade to the center of the other is 800 feet; the colonnades themselves are each 470 feet long and 60 feet high. The column of water is forced upward by a modern automatic electrical power pump, and is entirely independent of the Washington water-supply. The water is from the Potomac River entering the Tidal Basin on the west, passing through the ponds to east and west of the central feature of the plan and cleansing the Washington Channel through tidal gates.

The design meets the stipulation in the joint resolution of Congress permitting the association to secure a design with this site in view taking into account "the requirements of traffic circulation and of recreational facilities." The site has been diverted to the rear of the colonnades.

The style of architecture and sculpture used in the design is classical, the style recommended in the Park Commission Plan as best harmonizing with the general architectural scheme of Washington.

The site, used by permission of the Congress as the basis for the competition in which Mr. Pope was selected as the designer for the national memorial to Theodore Roosevelt, is situated in what is now the Tidal Basin (or Twining Lake) on the line of Sixteenth Street projected southward from the White House.

In selecting this site, after close examination of numerous other sites and frequent consultations with members of the National Commission of the Fine Arts, the Roosevelt Memorial Association was influenced by the knowledge of President Roosevelt's part in the creation of the Park Commission Plan of 1901, by his support of it, and by his insistence that each new element of beauty or utility introduced into the city should be in harmony with it. In inviting the architects and sculptors of the country, with the consent of Congress, to use this site as the

basis of their designs, it was the purpose of the association that the creation of the memorial to the statesman who revitalized and re-established the "Ten Cent plan, should result in the development of one of its hitherto undeveloped but major portions.

Mr. Pope's design fulfills this purpose, transforming the loosely related and scattered areas from the Washington Monument to the Potomac, into a monumental vista from the White House across the river to the Virginia hills, providing the additional setting for the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial anticipated in the Park Commission Plan.

DAIRYMEN REPORT
INCREASED SALES

New York Co-operative Has \$9,000,000 Revenue Gain

Special from Monitor Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Increased efficiency in operation, higher selling prices for their milk, and increased sales, have raised the revenue of the members of the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association in the first 11 months of 1925 a total of \$9,000,000 over the revenue for the corresponding period of 1924, according to a statement issued at its headquarters here.

The association claims the result as an indication of the success of co-operative methods. Of the total, according to its analysis, \$2,500,000 was saved through increased efficiency within the organization; \$5,500,000 was due to higher prices received in the league markets, and about \$900,000 was due to the increase in sales.

The credit system of the association, according to the statement, has largely eliminated "fly-by-night" dealers, and altogether the relations between the association and its co-operating dealers "were never on a better basis."

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NEW PACT WITH
IRAQ IS PLANNED

Great Britain Expected to Begin Negotiations Soon—Financial Obligations

By Cable from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 24—Negotiations are expected to begin at Bagdad immediately after Christmas for a new treaty with Iraq, extending the British mandate up to a maximum of 25 years, as laid down in the League Council's award in the Mosul boundary dispute, a representative of The Christian Science Monitor understands.

It is probable that the new treaty will differ in important respects from the former treaty signed in 1924, notably regarding Iraq's financial obligations and the payment to be made to Great Britain for the railways built when the British first occupied the country.

A British financial commission which visited Iraq recently found the finances of the country in a serious condition and pointed out that this was not surprising, since no country could expect to be paying its own way on such a scale within four years after it came into existence.

At the same time, Britain is unwilling to shoulder a responsibility which would entail dipping its hand still deeper in its pocket on behalf of Iraq. The negotiations, therefore, are likely to be somewhat delicate, but no serious hitch is anticipated, especially as the treaty has to be signed within six months or the League award lapses.

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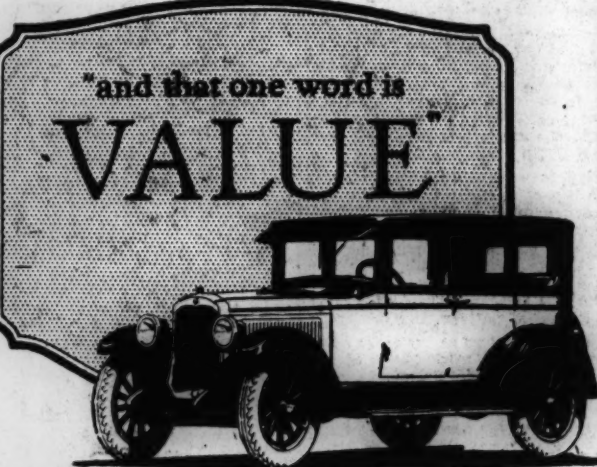
Annual January

Clearance Sale

Beginning Saturday Dec. 26

EVERY merchant realizes the necessity of a Clearance Sale at this time of the year. The season practically ends with Christmas and it matters not how good, how stylish or how desirable the merchandise on hand at this time may be, it should be closed out so that the new merchandise for next Spring can be shown at its proper time. This is a matter of duty to customers and it is policy to make the Clearance Sale as early as possible, so that the purchasers will have the benefit of using the merchandise during the season for which it was intended.

For over 100 years this sale has been characteristic of Chandler & Co.'s business—always successful—but we could not stop there; we were determined to make it more successful. How? By buying thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of the very newest merchandise in Dresses of all kinds; Coats, Furs, Underwear, Corsets, Bags, etc., in all sizes and in desirable colors, on which the manufacturer made the mark-downs. To this we have added thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of Chandler & Co.'s own high-class merchandise marked down. This is a wonderfully effective merchandising plan, and is to be continued throughout January.



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Remembrance and Charity Mark Christmas Observance

Thousands of Needy Made Happy in Greater
Boston's Recalling Significance of the Day

Christmas, observed in Greater Boston today, is a day of remembrance and charity, public carol singing, and innumerable youthful festivities, proved essentially a time of giving, with thousands of needy children made happy, shut-in families, and when all the city joins in recalling the spiritual significance of the day.

In the homes, in the schools, on the Boston Common, this revered season is being commemorated. Presentation of a series of historical miniature plays, including the scenes of the Wise Men, the Nativity and other Biblical incidents, with costumes and special lighting, marks the opening of the public observance. The Common soon after 5 o'clock, Mayor Curley and Dr. George W. Tupper, chairman of the municipal Christmas committee, will speak at the ceremonies.

The pageant will be repeated at 9:30 o'clock. Numerous groups of carol singers and strolling troupers will be heard tonight throughout the downtown district. Special radio offerings will contribute to the diversified program.

Carrying Christmas Joy
And while the city observes the season today and tonight, Boston's philanthropic, fraternal and civic organizations are working to bring their unselfish work that not a home shall be without its Christmas joy, and not a child without some little remembrance of the day. More than 2000 disabled children are being served throughout Massachusetts with tomorrow morning each to find a well-filled Christmas stocking. This has been made possible by the Disabled Veterans' Christmas Remembrance Committee, which received generous public contributions for the work.

Every boy and girl under the care of the Children's Aid Society will receive a gift of new clothing and a toy. Similarly is the Family Welfare Society distributing groceries, canned goods, coal, shoes, and other useful presents to families which would otherwise be in want. Likewise is the Crosscup-Pishon Post of the American Legion, in cooperation with other branches of the organization, extending a helping hand to scores of needy persons. So has the Boston Seamen's Friend Society prepared a Christmas entertainment, a tree, and gifts for more than 500 sailors.

Salvation Army Program
Salvation Army officers were at work today packing and distributing their annual Christmas dinners to 2500 Boston homes. And also at the hands of the Salvation Army hundreds of boys and girls received new shoes. Christmas baskets were provided for the bodies of the old and the families of disabled veterans by the Boston chapter of the Red Cross and the Junior Red Cross.

Fraternal orders have been equally active in providing for the thousands of needy families to observe Christmas with well-filled baskets and gifts for children. Masons, chapters of the Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Elks, Rebekahs, Knights of Pythias and many others have all contributed substantially to the spreading of holiday cheer. Tomorrow from 11 to 2 o'clock there will be a joint Christmas festival of the Boston Advertiser Club entertained fully 1000 children at a Christmas dinner. Approximately 2000 children were present at the annual Christmas tree entertainment given by the Boy's Club of Boston at Green Street, Charlestown, last night.

Many Programs Arranged
Many public and quasi-public observations throughout the city have been planned. Open house will be held tonight at the Boston Y. M. C. A. administration building on Beacon Hill. A Christmas program will be given at the Huntington Avenue branch of the Y. M. C. A. from 6 to 8 o'clock tonight. Special dinner will be served tomorrow at 1 o'clock, with entertainment in both the afternoon and evening.

Holiday festivities at the Women's Republican Club, 46 Beacon Street, included a Christmas tree for employees yesterday, and open house tonight.

In every public school in the city and in every classroom, Christmas was observed yesterday. All the kindergartens and first grades had trees. The gifts upon the trees were for mother, father, and brothers and sisters at home, for one of the first things the kindergarten teaches is the joy of giving to others.

Children Made Gifts
For weeks the children had been busy making things for gifts and their happiness seemed complete when these were placed in the hands of the favored ones who had been invited to the festivities yesterday. Of course there was something for the children, little bags of candy and perhaps an orange, given at the very last.

All the grades the significance of Christmas as bringing to the highest ideals of living had been talked about for weeks past. Christmas stories had been told and read, events pertaining to Christmas had been pictured in drawing classes, written about in compositions, and in most of the manual training and industrial classes gifts had been under construction for some time, finally finished and carried home in triumph this evening.

A number of the schools had a school tree yesterday, that is, a tree not alone for the kindergarten, but set up in the assembly hall for all to enjoy. Programs were varied, but they invariably included Christmas carols and often a Christmas cantata or little play. Folk dancing, and recitations entered into miscellaneous programs. The schools closed at noon yesterday to reopen on Jan. 4.

Christmas Tree Gladdens Industrial School Pupils

Dolls, trains of cars, boats, candy and nuts, oranges and other gifts were distributed among the pupils of the Industrial School for Crippled

and Deformed Children, at 241 St. Botolph Street yesterday afternoon. A great tree glittering with decorations and presents was the central feature of the party. The children sang carols and have been invited to sing them again over the radio this evening.

The party was in the charge of Mrs. Timothy Adamowski and Mrs. Thomas K. Cummins of the ladies visiting committee. Vernon K. Brackett, superintendent, and Miss Helen Edwards, assistant superintendent, stated that it is hoped to build an addition to the school in the coming year, so that more little children may be included in its benefits.

Extra Elevated Trains for Christmas Crowds

Extra trains to accommodate the throng that will observe Christmas in the city tonight, will be provided by the Boston Elevated Railway as follows:

Last train leaves Washington, Summer and Winter stations in either direction at 1:15 a. m.; southbound trains for Forest Hills will be held at North Station until 1:20 a. m.; northbound trains until 1:25 a. m.

Bells of Boston Churches to Ring for Christmastide

Scores of Chimes in City and Environs to Join Carolers in Yuletide Observance—Organists and Bellringers Plan Special Programs

From the bell towers of churches in Boston and surrounding towns Christmas hymns, and the quaint and beautiful carols of the older fashion will ring out on scores of Christmas bells at intervals during Christmas Day, with greater effect being made than ever before to have the song unanimous as suggested in a letter sent by Governor Fuller to the churches, in which he has asked that the customary Christmas Eve music be supplemented by pealing bells throughout Christmas Day.

Accordingly the famous Paul Revere Bell of King's Chapel, the bells of the historic Old North Church in Salem Street, the chimes of All Saints Church in Dorchester, bells in the towers of the First Church in Boston (Congregational-Unitarian), of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and the celebrated and ancient chime of 13 bells at Christ Church in Cambridge and of numerous other churches throughout Greater Boston will lift their silver voices in a grand chorus at intervals throughout Christmas Day in a vast and beautiful melody.

Organists and bell ringers have sought to arrange programs for the bells of the churches, in which should blend the old with the new, certain among the modern hymns such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," take their logical place beside hymns of the older churches such as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Carol Tradition Gains
Within the last decade the singing of carols has received a pronounced impetus in the United States and the custom of joining with the voices of street singers and caroling groups, even of troupers, the deep, resonant songs of great bells enhances the part played by the church in the seasonal celebration.

Cohasset will have a special program of Christmas music played on the celebrated carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Church by one of the best carilloneurs trained by M. Kamel Lefevre, Belgian carillonneur, whose series of summer concerts has become famous. Upon the carillon at Phillips-Andover Academy a program of old English carols will be played.

The sexton of All Saints' Church in Dorchester will ring the bells on Christmas Day, first directly after midnight, again later in the morning and in the afternoon. Several among the new churches in Boston, not having bells, will substitute carol singing from their porches or troupers' concerts.

Trinity Church has no bell, nor the Putnam Street Church, nor St. Paul's Church. The troupers who give their several concerts from the St. Paul's porch are an annual source of pleasure to the throngs who visit the downtown region to hear Christmas music in the increasing variety and beauty which mark each successive year.

Mother Church Program
G. Arthur Howard, bellringer of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., will play a program of 25 selections this evening from 7 to 8 p. m. and at midnight and Christmas Day at noon and 6 p. m. The program will begin with "Oh, the Glorious Bells of Time!" and will be composed of the following appropriate hymns and carols:

"Oh, the Glorious Bells of Time," "Adeste Fideles," "Hark, the Glad Sound," "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night," "Come Upon the Midnight Clear," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Oh, Sometimes Glimpses Upon Our Sight," "Bright Was the Guiding Star That Led," "Joy to the World," "The First Noel," "Ring Out the Bells," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The Morning Light Is Breaking," "Blest Christmas Morn," "O'er Waiting Harpstrings of the Mind," "Word of Life, Most Pure, Most Strong," "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Ladder," "Breaking Through the Clouds of Darkness," "Saw Ye My Saviour?" "I Love to Tell the Story," "How Beautiful Were the Works Divine," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "O Holy Child! Speak the Matchless Word," "Holy Bible! Book Divine."

The bells of First Church in Boston (Congregational-Unitarian) will be

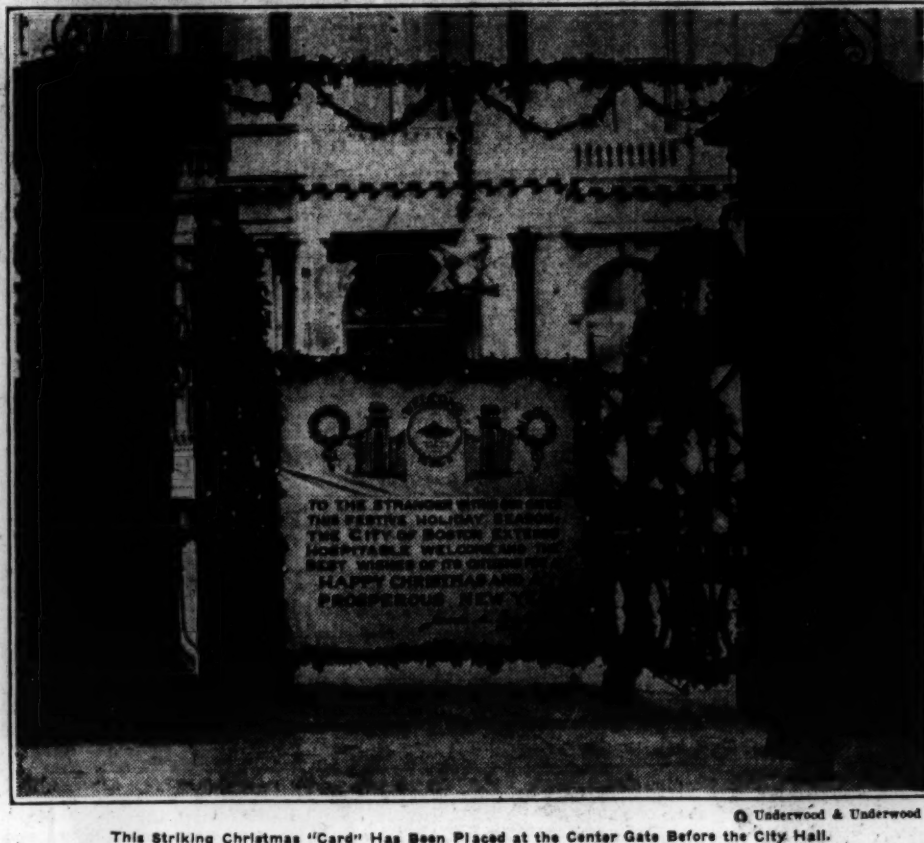
1:07 a. m.; northbound trains will be held at North Station until 1:20 a. m. Last train will leave Everett, inbound at 12:54 a. m., last will arrive outbound at 1:29 a. m.; last train at Sullivan Station, Sullivan Square, inbound at 1 a. m., outbound at 1:28 a. m.; last train from Dudley Station inbound at 1:02 a. m., outbound at 1:25 a. m.; last train at Eliot Station inbound at 12:58 a. m., outbound at 1:27 a. m.

Last train at Forest Hills inbound at 1:54 a. m., last to arrive outbound at 1:51 a. m.; last train at Andrew Station inbound at 1:04 a. m., last arrives outbound at 1:21. Last train at Harvard inbound at 1:02 a. m., last outbound at 1:23 a. m. Surface car service will be operated to the stations named above to meet the last trains.

3000 Children Entertained by Concern at Chelsea
Host to its employees and their families, the Forbes Lithograph Company of Chelsea gave a Christmas party in its receiving department yesterday afternoon at which 3000 children were entertained. Designed by Henry Stoll, one of the artists of the company, the hall was turned into a picture of the Arctic regions, with icebergs, snow-covered trees and snow, northern lights, polar bears and an Eskimo in his canoe. Gifts of toys, stockings of candy, fruit and popcorn were distributed to the children. An illuminated Christmas tree on the lawn outside also was a feature of the party.

William S. Forbes, president of the company, Mrs. Forbes and their sister, Mrs. Cora F. Marsh of California, John Trickey, superintendent, and Mrs. Trickey received the guests.

Boston's Greeting to Strangers Within Its Gates



This Striking Christmas "Card" Has Been Placed at the Center Gate Before the City Hall.

Radiocasts of Christian Science Services

Sunday, December 27

NEW YORK
The regular Sunday morning service of Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, New York, will be radiocast by Station WJCA, New York, 341 meters wavelength. The service begins at 11 a. m., eastern standard time.

MINNEAPOLIS
The regular Sunday evening service from Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Minneapolis, Minn., will be radiocast by Station WCCO, St. Paul, Minneapolis, 417 meters wavelength. The service begins at 6:30 p. m., central standard time.

CHICAGO
The regular Sunday morning service of Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist, Chicago, will be radiocast by Station WBBH, Chicago, 370 meters wavelength. The service begins at 10:45 a. m., central standard time.

CHICAGO
The regular Sunday evening service of Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, Chicago, will be radiocast by Station WBBH, Chicago, 370 meters wavelength. The service begins at 7:40 p. m., central standard time.

ST. LOUIS
The regular Sunday evening service of Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, St. Louis, Mo., will be radiocast by Station KPLR, St. Louis, 365 meters wavelength. The service begins at 8 p. m., central standard time.

KANSAS CITY
The regular Sunday evening service from Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Kansas City, Mo., will be radiocast by Station KPLR, St. Louis, 365 meters wavelength. The service begins at 8 p. m., central standard time.

CALGARY
The regular Sunday evening service of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Calgary, Alberta, will be radiocast by Station CFCF, Calgary, 425 meters wavelength. The service begins at 7:30 p. m., mountain standard time.

PORTLAND, ORE.
The regular Sunday evening service of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Portland, Ore., will be radiocast by Station KGW, Portland, 492 meters wavelength. The service begins at 8 p. m., Pacific standard time.

SEATTLE
The regular Sunday evening service of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Seattle, Wash., will be radiocast by Station KTCL, Seattle, 305 meters wavelength. The service begins at 8 p. m., Pacific standard time.

LONG BEACH
The regular Sunday evening service of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Long Beach, Calif., will be radiocast by Station KPON, Long Beach, 232 meters wavelength. The service begins at 8 p. m., Pacific standard time.

ARCHITECTS OPPOSE MEMORIAL TOWER

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24 (Special)—Rhode Island Chapter, American Institute of Architects, has announced its opposition to the design of a World War memorial by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, recommended by a city council committee for acceptance. The proposed memorial tower is characterized in a resolution adopted by the chapter as of architectural style entirely alien to the city and its traditions and the intended site is held to be unsuitable. The chapter points to the need of a city planning engineer's services in the matter.

In addition, the chapter offers services of its members stationarily to design a memorial, supervise its erection and act in an advisory capacity in selection of a site.

BANK OBSERVES CENTENARY
WARE, Mass., Dec. 24 (Special)—The Ware Trust Company, formerly the Ware National Bank, is observing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a bank in this town. The first bank bore the name of the Hampshire Manufacturer's Bank and its first president was Joseph Bowman of New Braintree.

Hyde, its present head, became president in 1899 and has served for more than 25 years in the office.

Among the visitors from various parts of the world who registered at the Christian Science Publishing House—yesterday were the following:

Allen Gardner Knapp, Cleveland, O.; Alice Louise Bell, Cleveland, O.; H. M. Murray, Cleveland, O.; A. C. Page, Portland, Ore.; Grace E. Young, Detroit, Mich.; E. Adamson Parkyn, Marple, R. Manchester, Eng.; Mrs. Paul Lear Wilkins, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candleglow on Beacon Hill Again to Welcome Carolers

Annual Community Festival, With Its Traditional Open House, Is One of the Brightest Lights of Boston's Christmastide Observance

Christmas Eve candle lighting and carol singing on Beacon Hill, Boston's most celebrated and beautiful community festival, is at hand. With open house kept for all, the stranger within our gates as welcome as the regular residents, the festival is a housewarming of the old-time English Yule celebration, a century old, in the midst of traditions and backgrounds which are a share of the warp and woof of American history. Bands of "waits" sing sweetly in the narrow, cobbled streets that lift their rows of beautiful, ancient brick and stone houses up to the height which is crowned by the golden dome of the State House, symbol of the majesty of the Commonwealth. For the first time the windows of the State House will be candle-lit.

After several years, in which this celebration, more nearly approaching the old-time English Yule celebration than any other in the United States, has grown to proportions that tax the narrow, steep byways to their utmost capacity and caparison the whole neighborhood in brilliant, story-book vestments of decoration and color, Beacon Hill has become accepted entertainer, on Christmas Eve, to hosts of visitors who pour into its small area not only from Greater Boston, but from cities and towns at not inconsiderable distances.

It was 15 years ago that Mrs. Ralph Adams Cram first started the custom of placing lighted candles in the windows of the houses on Beacon Hill, a "candlewood project" but the small circle of friends who responded to that first call never left the Hill, and year by year their example has been emulated by an increasing number of residents, the bands of singers which became an accompaniment to the candle lighting have grown larger and visitors come from far and wide until the horizons of the celebration can scarcely be marked.

Candlelight Custom
The custom of lighting candles for such a purpose has a long history. Bradford mentioned it long ago, saying: "As one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone to many—yes, in some sort to the whole Nation." and those words might easily have been written to fit the Christmas Eve scene on Beacon Hill.

Singers with flashlights, singers with tapers in candlesticks, carefully shaded against the evening breeze, singers with lanterns, each shaded and carried on long poles to bob about like stilted flaming blossoms above the uplifted faces, thus to a waits add their measure of light to the windowed pattern.

Houses that are austere and wrapped in the gloom of the characteristic reticence of their inhabitants during the remainder of the year become wide and inviting for this one evening. Doors are flung wide, the windows are brightly lit, and the old-time English Yule celebration is a sight to be seen.

The "Cobbler of Willow Street" tootles his own Christmas carols on his fagot as his sage eyes scan the beauty of the Christmas tableau he has arranged in his tiny window, and he nods a dignified welcome to visitors who peer through the door.

Custom Spreading
There will be rows and rows of candles—tapers, tapers, white wax tapers of molded wax, quite like those of which Pliny wrote, bayberry candles from Cape Cod, beautiful, towering, ecclesiastical candles set in brass and silver candleholders, the windows of the Hill with a million points of light.

For the carol singing there are numerous bands which convene annually as well as the inevitable new additions of each year. Dr. Richard C. Cabot's carolers, more than 100 men and women, with Dr. Cabot at their head carrying his red lantern on a long pole for guide if the crowds block his group, will go up and down for the eighteenth annual carol singing.

Carol Program
They will sing at the Massachusetts General Hospital at 7:45 and go thence to the Women's City Club, at about 8:40, to 55 Chestnut Street, residence of Dean Rosenman, to the Children's Aid Society at 24 Mt. Vernon Street and to the home of George M. Flint, 37 Mt. Vernon Street.

It was alleged by the witness if he thought that the friendship of Mr. O'Connell with the administration at City Hall would obtain the license, which on a previous occasion had been refused. The witness replied that he did not know of any such arrangement. Mr. O'Connell denied that any undue influence had been employed to obtain the license. Counsel for the Jenney company presented evidence designed to show that settlement in South Boston was not so overwhelmingly opposed to erection of the tank as might have appeared at last Friday's hearing.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY CIVITANS
Boston Club Encourages Lancaster Theater Plan

Interest of the Civitan Club of Boston, composed of business men who meet regularly at luncheon conferences at the Chamber of Commerce Building, in the Americanization work being done by Charles W. Dimick and Ralph L. Harlow, among children of the North and West Ends of Boston, through music, has led the club to offer a scholarship in the form of a music scholarship to the most efficient member of the Lancaster Theater Children's Chorus. Nineteen nationalities are represented in the chorus of nearly 100 children, each of whom is the son or daughter of an immigrant.

Following the radiocasting of Christmas carols by this chorus tonight from station WBZA, at the Hotel Brunswick, the Civitan Club will entertain them with a "Santa Claus" gifts, refreshments and entertainment. Announcement of the scholarship will be made at this party tonight. The scholarship will be awarded sometime before May or June, and the only stipulation made by the club is that the winner appear at the meetings of the Civitan Club and play for the members, at stated periods.

Effective Americanization work is being done through the organization of the chorus, directed by Mr. Harlow, and thence into the homes of the new citizens of this country.

The chorus meets weekly, on Saturday morning for rehearsal, under tutelage of Mr. Harlow. They sing each Saturday afternoon for a short time, such songs as "America, the Beautiful," and American folk and patriotic songs, hymns, etc. following to the board of directors.

Through music, North End children of many races, sect and nationality, are being imbued with the fundamental of good citizenship, love of and for America and laudable personal characteristics.

WORK HORSE PARADE ON MEMORIAL DAY
The usual vote to hold the annual work horse parade on Memorial Day in the forenoon was taken at a meeting of the Work Horse Relief Association yesterday.

Officers elected for 1926, following: Henry C. Merwin, president; Joshua Atwood and Francis Peabody, vice-presidents; William B. de la Casca, secretary and treasurer, and the following to the board of directors: Lewis A. Armistead, Joshua Atwood, Miss H. S. Bird, Dr. D. L. Bolger, William B. de la Casca, E. F. Coldwell, Lieut.-Col. John A. Degen, George W. Harrington, Dr. A. W. May, Henry C. Merwin, Mrs. F. J. Moore, Francis Peabody, Miss Isabel Young, Philip G. Peabody, Mrs. Gilman Pritchard, Mrs. Bernard F. Smith, G. F. Stebbins, Dr. F. J. Sullivan and Mrs. G. G. Whitney.

SKATING RINKS FOR 11 PLAYGROUNDS
Skating rinks will be provided this winter at 11 public playgrounds in and around Boston, it was decided by the Park Commission, who acted upon the suggestion of William C. Prout, chairman of the playgrounds

committees of the N. E. A. A. U. The playgrounds at which rinks will be established are: Jamaica Pond, Jamaica Plain; Franklin Field, Dorchester; Billings Field, West Roxbury; John H. Cronin Playground or William H. Garvey Playground, Neponset; McConnell Park, South Boston; World War Memorial Park, East Boston; Charlestown Playground, Charlestown; Lester J. Ketch Playground, South End; William H. Carter Playground, Columbus Avenue; Jefferson Playground, Roxbury.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL HEARS JENNEY PLEA

Testimony Shows \$500 Used to Get Gas Tank Permit

Petition of the Jenney Manufacturing Company for permission to erect a 3,000-gallon gasoline tank in South Boston, which was opposed at hearings yesterday and last Friday by many residents of the neighborhood, was taken under advisement yesterday by George C. Neal, state fire marshal, before whom the hearings were held.

The marshal asked the witness if he thought that the friendship of Mr. O'Connell with the administration at City Hall would obtain the license, which on a previous occasion had been refused. The witness replied that he did not know of any such arrangement. Mr. O'Connell denied that any undue influence had been employed to obtain the license. Counsel for the Jenney company presented evidence designed to show that settlement in South Boston was not so overwhelmingly opposed to erection of the tank as might have appeared at last Friday's hearing.

MOTOR COMEANY PETITION IS DENIED
Federal Court Finds Insurance Plan Is Illegal in Maine

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24 (AP)—An opinion of three United States judges has opened the way to prosecution of agents of Chrysler motorcars in Maine for alleged violations of state insurance laws, unless the Chrysler corporation takes an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

In their opinion, filed in the United States District Court, Judge Charles F. Johnson of the Circuit Court, and Judge Clarence Hale and John A. Peters of the District Court have denied the petition of the Chrysler Manufacturing Company of Detroit for an injunction against the State Insurance Commissioner, William D. Spencer, and have refused to restrain him from prosecuting the Chrysler agents.

It was alleged by Mr. Spencer that agents for this car were selling machines under a contract which included free insurance for one year, and that this was a violation of a state law. The judges' opinion contained the statement that the Chrysler company of North Carolina is not licensed to do business in Maine, although its insurance policies were carried on cars.

MR. CONDON NAMED NICHOLS SECRETARY
First official appointment to be announced by Mayor-elect Nichols of Boston is that of Edward F. Condon of Boston to be his private secretary. Mr. Condon is secretary to the Boston Transit Department of Boston. He resides in Forest Hills, where he has been for several years. He entered the service of the transit department several years ago and it was in that capacity where he was first associated with the incoming Mayor, when the latter was elected Mayor of Boston, which preceded the department.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CITY MAYORALTY VOTE TIED
FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 24 (AP)—The two-vote majority of Louis H. Doherty, Democrat, and former Mayor, over Mayor Elmer D. Kelley, Republican, in the municipal election last month, divided to a tie yesterday when a recount disclosed that two Doherty voters had not maintained a ward residence long enough to be entitled to a ballot. Mr. Doherty agreed to waive their votes and the City Council will announce the date of a special election.

Salem Looking Into the Future While Celebrating Fame of Past
Hope for Revival of Its Shipping Increases as Largest Vessel That Ever Entered Harbor Comes Up to the Wharf of Salem Terminal Company

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 24 (AP)—Salem paid tribute yesterday to one phase of the city's former glory by dedicating a statue of Nathaniel Hawthorne which has been placed on the wharf of the Salem Terminal Company, the largest vessel that ever entered Salem harbor came up to the wharf of the Salem Terminal Company.

To one unfamiliar with Salem's history, the two events might seem unrelated, yet taken together they are symbolic of the city's past, present and future. Every student of American literature knows that when Hawthorne was painstakingly constructing some of his most famous stories he was earning his living by working in the Salem customs house. There he came in intimate contact with the shipping which had carried the goods of Salem to all parts of the world.

Leading New England Port
A century and more ago Salem was the leading New England port for foreign trade. Clipper ships "sailed the seven seas" and brought back an infinite variety of imports. The wealth derived from this source enabled the merchant princes to build the mansions which each year bring tourists from all America to view these unsurpassed specimens of colonial architecture with their inimitable doorways.

With the growth of steam navigation Salem's foreign trade gradually declined and finally faded away. The steamers sought deeper harbors and direct connection with railroad terminals, and Salem was sidetracked. Forced to turn to other interests, Salem built up important domestic industries. The city became an important factor in shoe and leather manufactures developed.

Yet always Salem men have dreamed of a revival of shipping. That is why many men of vision were thrilled when the steamer Isaac T. Mann was warped into her berth last week. The biggest vessel that ever came into this port on the high tide, she bears little resemblance to the picturesque clippers of old, for she is a collier.

But the modern Salem is devoted to industries which demand great quantities of coal for their operation and if it can be brought here by

RECORD BROKEN IN HOLIDAY MAIL

11,000,000 Pieces Handled in Boston Postal District in 36 Hours

Approximately 11,000,000 pieces of outgoing, and incoming mail of all classes were handled in the Boston postal district during the 36 hours ending at five last evening. The "peak" of the work was a day and a half in advance of past years. In the central Boston office alone 2,000,000 letters were stamped and sent forward. Officials who have been connected with the Boston office for many years, said they thought this year's volume of mail was the largest the office had ever handled. All of the regular employees and many substitutes were employed in the central and sub-stations of the metropolitan district.

The end of the holiday flood of mail will be reached today, for at midnight tonight, as of the postal employees in the United States, with the exception of small forces for emergency, will have a 24-hour respite from duty. With this in view the postal clerks and carriers are making unusual efforts to dispose of the mail in the various offices before the day ends.

Financial receipts are heavier this year, it is reported, than formerly, for two reasons. One reason is the heavier volume of mail matter in transit, while the additional postal tariffs have added to the Government's receipts.

Roland M. Baker, postmaster of Boston, in a statement, announced the receipt from the sale of stamps was about \$109,000 yesterday. He said that about 100,000 parcels were insured at the main office during the last seven days. This total is said to be \$20,000 more than that of one year ago.

Illustrating the extent of this year's mailing activity, the postmaster showed from his completed records that on Monday of this week the receipts from sales of stamps reached \$123,267, which is above the record made last year when the total was \$122,000 higher than the record made at any day in 1924.

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NEW PACT SEEN AS ANTI-LEAGUE

Turkey and Russia Make
Impossible Their Entry
for Three Years

By Cable from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The suggestion is made here that the signature of the Russo-Soviet treaty marks the formation of an anti-League bloc. The new treaty lays down that neither power will participate in any political, financial, or economic agreement "with one or several of the powers" directed against the other contracting party, and not participate in any hostile act against the other contracting party. The League of Nations covenant, Article 18, expressly binds the states to prevent all financial, commercial and personal intercourse between the states members of the League, and any covenant-breaking state, whether a member of the League or not.

The same article also envisages the use of armed force against a covenant breaker. Therefore while the Russo-Soviet treaty is in force neither of these states can join the League, it is argued here that the two undertakings are mutually incompatible. The Russo-Soviet treaty, however, is only concluded for a term of three years—if it is ratified.

Some observers believe that if the Mosul dispute with Great Britain is satisfactorily settled in the next few months—and the latest indications are that this is by no means improbable—the Russo-Soviet treaty is likely to remain unratified. In such a case they expect a repetition of the history of the Lausanne Conference, when Turkey threw over Russia with whom it was then in alliance, and despite the latter's urgent remonstrances, agreed to allow foreign warships to have access to the Black Sea through the Dardanelles.

By Special Cable
MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Declaring that treaties modeled after the Russo-Turkish agreement offered a better hope than the Locarno Pact in averting war-breeding alliances, Maxim Litvinoff, Deputy Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, declared that Russia was prepared to conclude a similar agreement with all the countries with which normal diplomatic relations existed.

He categorically denied the existence of any secret supplements or protocols, not contained in the official text of the treaty. Mr. Litvinoff also asserted that the signing of the treaty should dispel the "rumors" appearing in the Anglo-American press regarding the existence of a secret Soviet-Italian agreement directed against Turkey.

Mr. Litvinoff declared that negotiations for a treaty were practically completed and that the delay was due to a disagreement regarding the phrasing of one point and caused the signing at Paris.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATE ROADS TO BE RID OF BILLBOARDS

Highway Commissioner Orders
Removal of Unightly
and Objectionable Signs

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 21 (Special Correspondence).—Admiral Samuel McGowan, chief highway commissioner, in a memorandum to Charles H. Morefield, state highway engineer, has issued instructions to have "the unsightly and objectionable signs on the State Highway Department's right of way throughout South Carolina" taken down.

Admiral McGowan says that these signs are of such a nature as to disfigure the highway and in many instances to injure the trees and that they are not readable at any ordinary rate of speed. Some of them distract attention from and sometimes become confused with official signs, and thus interfere not only with the comfort, but the safety of automobile travel.

The department is cautioned not to touch any signs outside of the department's right of way, or any sign that gives useful information or that have been erected at considerable cost and that do not come strictly within the category of objectionable or unsightly or both. In such instances the matter of the removal of the signs will be taken up with the owners.

PAUL DOUMER SEEKS FINANCE AGREEMENT

PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Finance Minister, Paul Doumer, still hopes to reach an agreement with his colleagues regarding the measures for

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financial restoration at the Cabinet meeting tomorrow evening.

He is understood to be seeking to overcome the opposition of the Radical ministers, MM. Chaumet and Deladier, to an increase in the business turnover tax by an extension of the system of fixed assessments now applied only to small concerns not doing a business of more than 300,000 francs annually. He is also considering the imposition of a stamp tax on all forms of commercial transactions. In any case he has decided to introduce the bills in Parliament on Saturday.

"LITTLE SENATE" ON DAWES' SIDE

Vice-President Holds Ses-
sion With Pages, Giving
Them Timely Advice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—Charles G. Dawes, Vice-President, found a forum in the "Little Senate," an organization of the pages, to express his views on the Russo-Soviet treaty. Unwritten law decrees that the Vice-President shall hear senators talk but shall make no speech in the chamber himself except at his inauguration. Consequently, the Vice-President has been hearing senators talk about his proposed changes in rules and has been unable to talk back.

The Little Senate had a session. It adopted the Vice-President's proposed amendment of the rules by a vote of 14 to 2 and heard Mr. Dawes speak on the subject at a luncheon later. The Vice-President, however, did not confine himself to the rules. He expounded some of the philosophy for which he is famous among the children of his own home town.

He told the pages not to smoke, swear, chew or become "hip flask" boys if they wished to amount to something.

"Be clean, be yourself, stand against the crowd," he urged. "It is the fellow that runs after the crowd who makes mistakes and does not amount to anything."

"Never mind how many fellows are behind you. Always keep your eyes on the fellows that are ahead of you. Compare yourself with them, compare yourself with the runners at the head of the race and then you will keep humble. Another way to keep humble is to tell the truth about yourself. Anybody can get a reputation for modesty in that way. I have not got it. Don't wear a pasteboard front."

Characterizing the present Senate rules as "something like Topsy—they just growed," the Vice-President expressed hope that they would be changed.

NEW DISCIPLINARY METHOD FOR ARMY

Entire Army Now to Benefit
by Experiment

Special from Monitor Bureau
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Measures which have proved of value at the Disciplinary Barracks in restoring respect to army prisoners have been extended to the entire army by order of Dwight F. Davis, Secretary of War.

At the United States Disciplinary Barracks and its various branches, the object of the government is to improve and restore to the colors all those men who can gain by being soldiers of the United States Army, and to teach a trade to and otherwise return to civil life as better citizens, those who cannot be restored to the colors.

In pursuance of this object, a system of classification of prisoners according to their conduct has been devised. It is the belief of the Secretary that an extension of the Disciplinary Barracks method of treatment, insofar as it is practicable, to all army prisoners, would be of great advantage both to them and to the Government.

MICHIGAN ADDS TO FACULTY
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 19 (Special Correspondence).—Prof. V. V. Uspensky, a member of the Russian Academy of Science, has been appointed lecturer in mathematics at the University of Michigan for the semester beginning next February.

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COTTON STATES TO SEEK RELIEF

Southrons to Meet Congress
Leaders in Atlanta, Jan.
5 for Discussion

Special from Monitor Bureau
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Agricultural relief at this session of Congress will come to mean the demands of an aroused cotton-growing south as well as the clamors of the long-complaining grain-growing states of the north.

The \$30-a-bale slump in the price of cotton during the last two months has aroused the cotton-growing states to vehement protest which has had its echoes in Congress.

J. Thomas Hefflin (D.), Senator from Alabama who, with Ellison D. Smith (D.), Senator from South Carolina, is working on a bill formulating severe legislative regulation of cotton and grain exchanges, explains that the offering of relief and regulatory legislation is being held in abeyance so members of Congress could meet with agricultural leaders of the south and confer with them at a gathering that has been called for Jan. 5, in Atlanta, Ga.

At this meeting commissioners of agriculture of the cotton-growing states, who have formed an organization to promote and safeguard the interests of the cotton farmer, will discuss the situation with members from the Senate and House of their states and promulgate legislative demands.

Twice recently Mr. Hefflin from the floor of the Senate has denounced the activities of the cotton exchanges, in which he charged operators with "selling air and chalk marks on blackboards," while cotton growers were forced to unload their cotton to a declining market. He claimed the cotton raisers were being punished for having produced a bumper crop this year.

In an interview Mr. Hefflin declared that he would introduce amendments to the Cotton Futures Act now in effect which would safeguard the interests of growers.

"I intend to confine cotton exchange in the sale of cotton to the number of bales actually produced," Mr. Hefflin explained. "And if I find that that cannot be done, then we will abolish the cotton exchange."

The farmers of the south produce 12,000,000 or 14,000,000 bales of cotton. But on the cotton exchanges you find from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 bales of cotton sold. The speculators are selling something they call cotton, but is nothing more than chalk marks on a blackboard.

"They beat the price down and down on these exchanges with the sales far beyond the needs of the world, forcing the farmer to throw his produce on the market. The same thing happens with the grain growers. And then when the speculators get the cotton in their hands they put the price back up, making millions at the expense of the farmer."

ALBANIAN PLEDGES SANCTIONED BY LAW

TIRANA, Albania, Dec. 24 (AP).—The pledges made by the Albanian Government in 1922 in return for recognition by the United States have finally been given the sanction of law.

Parliament unanimously approved conventions by which Albania agrees to recognize passports issued by the United States to Albanians who become naturalized Americans, and also a convention which commits the Tirana Government to insert a most-

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ALASKAN MINES YIELD INCREASES

Betterment of \$392,667 Noted
Over 1924—Total Mine
Value \$17,850,000

Special from Monitor Bureau
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An increase of \$392,667 in the value of minerals mined in Alaska is recorded for 1925 over the total for 1924. It has been announced by the United States Geological Survey. Minerals valued at \$17,850,000 were mined during the past year.

Improved mining methods and larger scale operation in many parts of the territory are responsible for the increase; the experts of the Geological Survey reporting that "there were unmistakable signs that many of the operators were putting their properties in a more efficient condition and that people with capital were seeking opportunity for investment in large operations of stability, rather than in projects that would be quickly worked out, or in speculative mining ventures."

It is pointed out, however, that the mineral resources of Alaska have never been adequately prospected, and that many promising properties are lying idle because of lack of capital for necessary equipment.

"The shortage of enterprising prospectors is a serious drawback that has resulted because wages for comparable work are actually lower in Alaska than in the States, though expenses are higher," the report states. "As a result Alaska cannot attract or hold the class of prospectors it formerly did. The need of capital grows more pressing as more extensive equipment becomes essential. Capital, however, will not be attracted to Alaska unless the extremely high prices now asked for relatively little developed prospects are materially abated."

Production of gold and coal fell off during the past year according to the report, although the outlook for increased production in 1926 is noted to be "very good." The most notable development at any of the gold lodes during the year was the enormous amount of ore handled by the Alaska Juneau Company in southeastern Alaska. This company averaged a production of 10,000 tons a day for a number of months.

REPRESENTATIVE NAMED

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24 (Special).—Gov. Aram J. Pothier has designated William C. Blinn, chairman of the state public utilities commission, as the representative of Rhode Island in the movement of the New England Conference to obtain united effort on the part of New England utilities board to correlate the laws regarding the transmission of hydroelectric power.

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SOVIET TREATY VEXES HAMBURG

Russian State Control Said
to Hamper Shipping and
Depress Trade

BERLIN, Dec. 7 (Special Correspondence).—The publication of the text of the commercial treaty recently concluded between Germany and Soviet Russia has, especially in so far as the treaty affects shipping, brought with it a pronounced sense of disappointment in Hamburg shipping circles.

In the shipping clauses of the treaty the maritime relations already existing between the two countries have been clearly defined and legally sanctioned. In structure they remain much as they were before, real development and progress in the sense desired by German merchants being left to the future.

The energetic and practical Hamburg shipowner had hoped that the new treaty would remove various obstacles that have hitherto hindered the smooth exchange of goods and the transport of merchandise between two such important production areas as Germany and Russia. This objective has not been attained, owing to the stubborn adherence of the Russians to their hobby of nationalized commerce and particularly their resolution to keep the export and import trade in the hands of the Government.

A Favorable Clause
Article I of the treaty opens promisingly enough. It is true, by declaring that the ships of each of the contracting parties and the cargoes carried by these ships shall on entering and leaving, as well as during their sojourn in the ports of either country, enjoy the same treatment as the nation's own ships and cargoes, no matter from what port the voyage began or for what port the ship is bound, and no matter where the cargo comes from or what its destination may be.

The Hamburg press points out that the text of this clause resembles to a certain extent the customary provision contained in the ordinary most-favored-nation treaties with regard to shipping. Unfortunately, the clause omits the important stipulation guar-

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anteeing the free transit of commodities between the countries concerned. The consequence is that the ratification of this long-discussed agreement will after all leave the German merchant just as dependent on the wishes of the Soviet monopolists both as regards the selection and the quantity of the goods in question as he was before.

The Soviet Attitude
Hamburg admits that the provisions of the trade treaty contain various stipulations guaranteeing the mutual purchase of certain products. As far as shipping is concerned, these stipulations are felt to be of but secondary importance, seeing that they have no force unless sanctioned by special export and import permits issued by the Soviet Union. As the Soviet Union declines to trade on purely business principles and continually seeks to interfere with natural workings of supply and demand, Hamburg thinks they will have little effect.

Merchants derive some hope from the fact that Russia has already found herself obliged partly to renounce the theory of nationalization of trade, owing to the fact that she was unable to get along without the assistance of private capital. The Soviet Union has therefore founded companies in which 49 per cent of private capital is permitted, while the state, by virtue of the 51 per cent of the shares held, retains a decisive voice in the management. Russo-German shipping has hitherto been carried on under this arrangement. The Dardanelles, founded in 1921, though nominally a German-Russian combination, has fallen completely under the control of the Soviet Government, and in the opinion of Hamburg is scarcely to be distinguished from a Russian monopoly. The new treaty will not alter this state of affairs, and German shipowners feel that in their dealings with Russia they will still, as before, be bound hand and foot by Soviet economic prejudices to the disadvantage of both Russia and Germany.

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WESTERN RAILROADS MINERAL AID SOUGHT

American Mining Congress
Seeks Encouragement

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 18 (Staff Correspondence).—Land departments of the western grant railroads are to be asked to encourage the development of their mineral lands the same as they have farming and timber lands in the past, according to plans of the prospectors' committee of the American Mining Congress, co-operating with the Department of Mines and Mining of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

M. E. Dittmar, chairman of the prospectors' committee, proposes that the railroad land departments permit prospectors to enter upon their mineralized lands under the same conditions as prevail in the public domain, and fixing a definite price on the land, with payment and development work over a five-year period.

While the forest reserves are technically supposed to be open to the prospectors, Mr. Dittmar charges that the rangers discourage prospectors and impose many restrictions.

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CHINESE Y.M.C.A. IS AIDING PEACE

American Student Secretary Tells of Growing Friendship for America

Special from Monitor Bureau
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Despite adverse influences, a strong friendship for the United States thrives in China today, due in large measure to bonds of good will formed by Boxer indemnity students who have lived in this country, Arthur Rugh, national student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for China, declared upon arrival here.

Chinese leaders hope to use this relation as a basis for ending civil wars, he stated. Mr. Rugh has been asked to confer with two distinguished Americans in the hope that they will come to China and use their influence to bring about a peace parley of the warring generals, who, it is believed, will listen to the voices of respected Americans. Explaining the plan further, Mr. Rugh said:

"This is the right moment for such a conference. The military lords are losing so much and their chance for even personal gain is decreasing so rapidly that it is quite likely they will listen to reason. David Yui, general secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A., and one of the most influential native leaders, is sponsor of the Y. M. C. A. in this country. He is a man of great power in China."

The recent wave of extreme nationalism feeling has not undermined the prestige of the Y. M. C. A. in China, Mr. Rugh said. Explaining the association is regarded as a native Chinese institution, it is under Chinese direction with 500 local secretaries, all Chinese. China finances the work. Seventy American secretaries have been sent to the Chinese organization, but even they are under Chinese direction. For example, I work directly under David Yui. The Chinese Y. M. C. A. at present aims to build the foundations for a democratic government. Much is being done to teach illiterates. Literally tens of thousands of men and women are enrolled in the association's classes and are learning the written language. In Hankow alone there are 3000 students in 136 night schools. Instruction is also given in the duties of citizens.

Mr. Rugh believes China is on its way toward a federal government, a union of the provinces based on a high degree of local autonomy. A decentralized government, if advocated by such a leader as Gen. Feng Yuhsiang, would get the support of the youth movement and could eventually establish itself, he said.

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INDIANA ADDS TO SANCTUARY

Recent Purchases Provide Game Preserve of More Than 12,000 Acres

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 12 (Special Correspondence)—By the acquisition of 2300 acres in Starke and St. Joseph counties, in the former bed of the Kankakee River, the State of Indiana now holds more than 12,000 acres in scattered sanctuaries for the wild life of the State. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of additional land in the hill country of Brown County, which will give the preserves there a total of 8000 acres.

In addition to the tracts purchased primarily as game preserves, all the holdings of the state department of conservation are barred to hunters. Wild fowl and animals of all kinds may find sanctuary in the forest reserve of 2000 acres at Henryville, the Turkey Run state park of 250 acres, McCormick's Creek Canyon park of 350 acres, the game preserve near Waveland and all the fish hatcheries.

The game preserve was obtained under an act of the Legislature of 1923. A part of the former bed of the river, left dry by drainage ditches, was sold by the State to purchasers who agreed to deed to the department of conservation. The land is a narrow strip, in some places not more than a quarter of a mile wide, extending for about six miles above English Lake, in a region once noted for duck hunting.

George N. Mannfield, superintendent of the fish and game division, has announced the purchase of 5238 of the 8000 acres selected in Brown County. The average cost was \$10.50 an acre, which was paid by accumulated funds of the division. Game breeding experiments there will include the raising of wild turkeys. The preserve is divided into 83 tracts, surrounding Weed Patch Hill, second highest point in the State and a favorite resort of Indiana artists.

NEBRASKA ATTORNEY SEEKS ENFORCEMENT

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21 (Special Correspondence)—"Law enforcement is the biggest question before the American people," says O. S. Spillman, attorney-general of Nebraska and head of the legal department of the State.

"Prompt and organized effort is necessary," he says, "to combat the wave of crime now sweeping the country. The multiplicity of laws and the disposition to take advantage of technicalities are two of the causes for this crime wave. It was duplicated, in a measure, in England 75 years ago, and it was checked only when the courts, under pressure of public sentiment, began to try cases on their merits and disregarded technicalities."

CHICAGO-DALLAS MAIL LINE
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21 (Special Correspondence)—Within two months, trial flights will be begun on the new air mail route from Chicago to Dallas, Tex., via Kansas City, according to a statement of Luther K. Bell, traffic manager for the National Air Transport, Inc., which has the contract for handling mail on this line. The preliminary flights, Mr. Bell indicated, would begin about Feb. 1, and regular flights with the transportation of mail about April 1, next. Principal headquarters with repair shops, will be at Kansas City. Construction of a hangar is being rushed at Richard's Flying Field.

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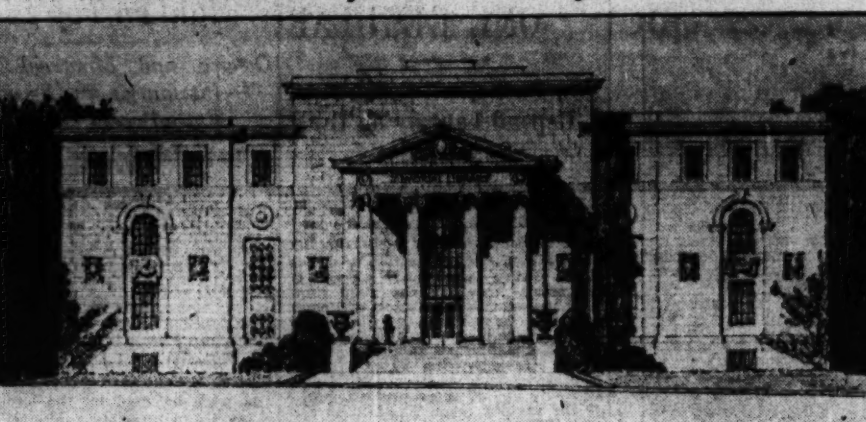
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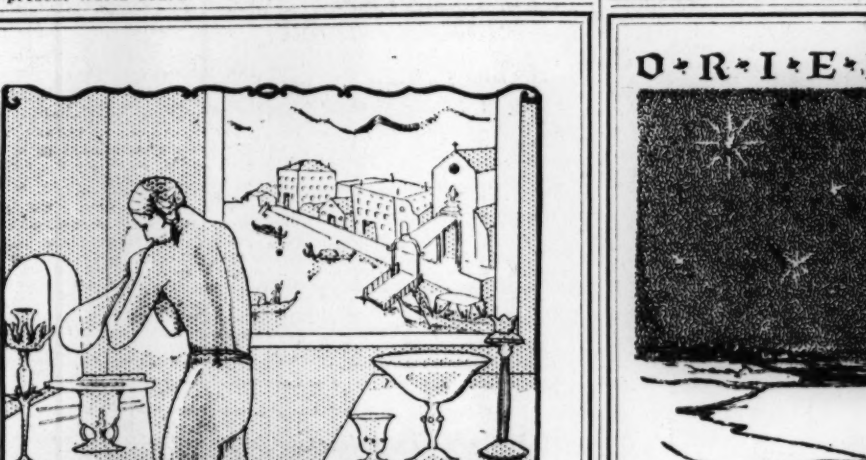
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12 (Special Correspondence)—Members of the Wayne County Women's Republican Club in telegrams to William E. Borah (R.), Senator from Idaho and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and James Couzens and Woodbridge N. Ferris, both Republican Senators from Michigan, urging them to aid in reporting the World Court resolution out of committee.

The action was decided upon following a meeting in which the club officially endorsed entrance of the United States into the World Court. Members of the club were urged to lend their influence toward getting this country into the World Court by Mrs. Arthur B. Cramer, Detroit club woman.

"The World Court is the newest approach to internationalism," she said. "It is compatible with the finest principles of the Republican Party. We have come to the point where we can remain in isolation no longer. When 52 nations have entered the World Court, will the American people, a people fundamentally dedicated to the principles of justice, remain on the outside of this international tribunal?"

Speaking on the "Michigan Night" program broadcast from Ann Arbor over stations WCX and WJR, William A. Frayer, professor of European history at the University of Michigan, lauded the World Court as "the most feasible scheme yet devised for international harmony."

Mr. Couzens recently told a delegation from the Detroit branch of the Young Women's Christian Association that in his opinion the United States would vote to enter some kind of World Court at the coming session of Congress. The Senator said he did not know whether it would be the present World Court.



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Wesleyan's \$1,200,000 Program of New Building Well Under Way

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MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 24 (Special)—Wesleyan's new building program, announced when Dr. James L. McConaughy became president, marks the departure of the university from the use of brownstone for construction and a new era in its growth.

This small New England college will add to its campus a chemical laboratory, now in the preliminary stages of building and a library and a college union, the cost of the three structures totalling more than \$1,200,000. They were made possible by gifts from alumni and friends.

An extension of the campus for several hundred feet also will be made and will result in the closing of one entire city street. This arrangement will allow the construction of three buildings without separating them from the original group of brownstone structures that face College Row on High Street.

In the selection of the material and the construction of the buildings, Wesleyan is making a radical departure from the style that has characterized the college since it was founded in 1831. Heretofore it has used the brownstone taken from the quarries located at Portland, on the other side of the river. That industry is extinct now and Wesleyan was one of the last to abandon the use of the stone.

The chemical laboratory, which will take a year to build, will be a monument to William Henry Hall of Willington, prominent Wesleyan alumnus of the class of 1892 and former State Senator.

Near the laboratory will be built the Olin Memorial Library, named in honor of Dr. Stephen Henry Olin, one-time acting president of the college and son of its second president. Both buildings will form part of the new quadrangle, situated some little distance from the original group.

The erection of the Olin Library, which will be of Vermont marble, is made possible by two anonymous gifts of \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively, and additional funds from friends of the college and trustees. The sum of \$125,000 was given by Mrs. Harriet A. Smith of Springfield, Mass., and \$25,000 by James A. Devlin of Philadelphia. Plans were drawn by Henry Bacon, New York architect. Interesting in connection with the linking of Dr. Olin's name with the library is the fact that when a student at Wesleyan he was assistant in the first library of the college.

The third building, the College Union, will be named in honor of Dr. William Arnold Shanklin, ninth president of the university. This building, like the laboratory, will be built of brick and limestone. The entire group will be a striking addition to the college, and in line with its announced intention of maintaining its place among the small liberal arts colleges.

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DRYS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA START INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN

Speaker of Legislative Assembly Calls Liquor Reform in United States One of the Finest Ever Achieved

PERTH, W. Aust., Nov. 11 (Special Correspondence).—The Prohibition League of Western Australia is going to ask for another poll. Probably no dry organization in the world has had a more strenuous uphill fight to test the feeling of the people on this magnificent reform, because there has been a consistent State unwillingness to facilitate a straight-out, clear-majority vote of the whole State. But the battle of the dry forces has been carried on with unwearied resolution, confident in ultimate victory.

Meanwhile it is the intention of the league to aim for shorter hours, and an intensive campaign is now being conducted to shut the hotels at 6 o'clock instead of three hours later. This would be a substantial achievement. Since Australia has set the example of 6 o'clock closing, and there is no apparent reason why this State cannot do the same. An effort is to be made, too, for an amendment to the licensing act to provide for the reintroduction of local option, and to give each electorate the right to initiate a local referendum to determine the hours of trading.

One of the greatest advocates of prohibition is the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, T. Walker, who recently visited the United States to study the effects of prohibition, and he was highly impressed by what he saw. The form is described as one of the finest, in its social, economic and humanitarian aspects, ever achieved. Mr. Walker told a large audience in Perth that the statement was being persistently made in Australia that there was a considerable drunkenness still in the United States, but, although he kept his eyes well open, and was looking for it, he had failed to see any evidence of it in any public places.

The centenary of Western Australia is approaching, and will be marked by fitting national celebration. So much so that, although the event is not until 1929, preliminary organization is already in hand. In 1880, the first Governor of the State, Capt. James Stirling, arrived with the initial party of settlers, and holding a commission from the King to establish a province and undertake the responsibility of government. "The Union Jack" was hoisted for the first time at Albany, and the progress of Western Australia, first with the dazzling romance of gold mining, and now, in its later years, as a great wheat and wool producer, is one of the most stirring narratives of British empire settlement.

The town clerk of Sydney, N. S. W., J. W. Layton, who is an enthusiastic town planner, has just been over on a visit planning up the town-planning organization in this State. He said Sydney was the first of the Australian cities that had undergone itself, and it had now become one of the great capitals of the world. The development there was so rapid and expansive that enormous sums of money would have to be spent to cope with the situation. Mr. Layton mentioned these facts to serve as a warning to other Australian cities, because in Sydney some very expensive mistakes had been made. In connection with the improvement to one street would involve an outlay of \$2,000,000, but it was far more than the right to resume more land than was required for the actual widening of any thoroughfare, and subsequently sell the margin. That was a lesson to Western Australia, which was setting out on a town-planning policy. Without that power Sydney would not have been able to prevent the erection of unsightly buildings.

Mr. Layton pointed to Washington, U. S. A., as an example of perfect planning, for there was no doubt a cordant note in that magnificent city, Australian cities had much to learn from Washington, where, by the absolute control of building operations, there had been splendid unity. That spirit was sadly lacking in Australia, although in this Commonwealth home life was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Layton told the architects that Australian cities and suburbs needed to be lifted out of their drabness, and it was the duty of every citizen to take the keenest interest in the enhancement of civic amenities. The visiting town clerk regarded Perth as one of the most beautiful cities of the world, and he urged the town-planning enthusiasts to secure the passage of legislation which should preserve inviolate that natural charm.

The most important feature of the month has been the presentation of the report of the royal commission which was appointed some time ago to inquire into the disabilities of Western Australia under federation. The conclusions reached by the investigations are that neither Western Australia, nor any other state of the group, has just cause for grievance, or is entitled to complain on account of the procedure, which has now been followed in the Commonwealth for 17 years, of transferring a certain portion of the revenue to trust funds to meet future expenditure for appropriations previously made of Parliament. "The commission is of opinion that, if the finances of Western Australia have suffered as a consequence of that agreement (which was entered into by its own Premier) that must be attributed to the re-

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ance upon figures of future population, which were then merely in the nature of prophecy—a prophecy which was not fulfilled.

In view of the consistent drift of population to the cities, the commission expresses the opinion, for the guidance of the statesmen of Australia, that assistance should be given to the primary and secondary industries. It was imperative that the tendency of draining the rural areas should be checked at the earliest possible moment as it was becoming a dangerous economic interference. Owing to the distance of Western Australia from the seat of Government—a characteristic fault in the Commonwealth with her immense distances—two of the members of this royal commission favor a system of ably conducted propaganda to give the other parts of the continent a knowledge of that one which extends its great bulk right down the western side.

The other commissioner, however, adopts the remarkable attitude that Western Australia should never have entered federation, and that, having done so, the only one, and complete, remedy for her disability is secession. As, however, he admits that it cannot be taken for granted that this will now be achieved, he joins with his colleagues in recommendations for the relief of Western Australia in connection with her heavy and disproportionate financial obligations.

The Prime Minister has asserted on more than one occasion that he is determined that the western state shall never secede if it be in his power to stop such a foolish, and retrograde movement.

It will not be the fault of the Conservator of Forests if Western Australia does not make up her legway in connection with reforestation. Mr. Kessell keeps hammering away at the urgency of reserving natural areas of timber, and of planting extensive belts at every opportunity.

The State has now 14 pine nurseries, and will be able to plant over 1000 acres after the next year or so. Although much progress has been made in forestry matters during the past year, the conservator emphasizes that considerably greater advancement will have to be achieved if over 70 years of practically uncontrolled exploitation of the forest is to be seriously remedied. It is important to note that the Government has now approved 11 working plans for an extension of the State forests. These represent 111,500 acres, and, in addition, 8,240 acres have been sylvisculturally treated for the natural regeneration of jarrah on the group selection system.

A topographical survey has been carried out over 296,390 acres, requiring 2764 miles of traverse. Still, the conservator laments that progress is deplorably slow. Some idea of the immensity of Western Australia may be gauged from the fact that the province known as the southwest comprises more than 8,000,000 acres, and yet the area which is desired shall be dedicated as State forests is only approximately 2,500,000 acres. There should, in these circumstances, be little or no conflict of interests. Owing to the great distances which characterize Western Australia, it is proposed to employ airplanes to make reconnaissances, and so expedite survey work.

DENMARK'S SURPLUS GOING TO PEACE RIVER

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 17 (Special Correspondence).—A \$300,000 reclamation project, under which 400,000 acres of waste swamp land in the Peace River country will be drained for farming operations, is being undertaken by L. T. Romer of Copenhagen, Denmark. It is understood that this land will be purchased for \$125 an acre from the federal government. The estimated cost of reclaiming the land by a drainage system of pipes will be approximately \$20 per acre.

This project is being undertaken as a means of solving the problem of over-population in Denmark as many of the young people in that country are desirous of coming to Canada. The Peace River tract of 400,000 acres will be divided into 50-acre plots, this being the size of the largest farms in Denmark. Mr. Romer intends to form a Danish farm colony of 800 families with their holdings on this reclaimed land.

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Lower Right: Japanese Doll of the Meiji Period (1868-1912).

YOUTH DECLINES SCHOLARS' KEY

Phi Beta Kappa-Elect Finds Striving for Marks Hampers True Scholarship

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 21 (Special Correspondence).—Scholastic circles of Kansas have been stirred by the unprecedented action of a young man in declining election to membership in the honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. Floyd Simonton '26, whose home is in Kansas City, Kan., a senior in the college of liberal arts and science at the University of Kansas, who is majoring in journalism, has taken this stand.

Just why Mr. Simonton believed he should refuse the election is told in a letter written by him to the fraternity, which follows in part:

I do not subscribe to the ideal of the high grade, which I understand is the ideal of Phi Beta Kappa. I honestly believe that in the circumstances of our state universities today, with their large classes and undifferentiated treatment of students to strive for high grades is detrimental to the best interests of scholarship. To get an A requires a degree of docility and unselfishness that I believe is fatal to the independence, initiative and spirit of adventure which are the very life blood of science and scholarship.

I recall, as I write, my own experience with grades, for I sadly admit that many of the A's came through the path of grinding, cramming and working for grades. I feel that I have sacrificed my own development for the empty honor of a grade. I fear that this is the price of the honoring of high grades.

It is out of respect for the organization of Phi Beta Kappa, and because of my own beliefs, that I am taking this position. I do not believe that I would be honest and fair to the organization if I joined it when I have so little confidence in the efficiency of its high-grade measure of scholarship.

I do not see that I would be playing square with the scholastic standards of Phi Beta Kappa, if I accepted membership upon the basis of my past records, and then proceed to ignore, as I am trying to do, grades for the rest of my academic career.

Mr. Simonton was the Kansas delegate sent to the students' meeting at Princeton University to consider the World Court question from a student's viewpoint. He is editor of the Dove, a student publication at Kansas, which carries the slogan, "A Liberal Campus Opinion."

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Dolls of Long Ago Gathered in International Fellowship

Chicago
Special Correspondence
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A fisherman doll with a willow basket on her head greets you in the Dutch of Scheveningen, while other folk from Holland hob their lace caps at you. A friendly group from Norway in red embroidered skirts and beaded stomachers present you to their pretty bride of the crown head-dress and flowing ribbons. And oh my! think of velling your doll's face! But, of course, if you had made this little rag doll in Turkey many years ago, dressed it in baggy trousers, trimmed its tunic with tined shells from the Black Sea, you too would have wished it a proper lady. Four Turkish gentry folk are seeking your attention, but through that tiny homestead rag reaches yours across the years.

No Matter How They Look
After all it scarcely matters how your doll looks. These clay or porcelain cylinders with totem-pole faces, were no doubt loved by their small Alaskan mothers. This cross-shaped Sioux rag doll in beaded elkskin, a set of willow-ware dishes more than 150 years old. But a brown doll from Martinique, wearing earrings and calico, is calling you to them.

And look! here is a house, stairway, windows, fireplaces, all copied for his little granddaughters by Leonidas Vergil Badger from the seventeenth century family residence in Portsmouth, N. H. And here, in a case of tiny things, are delicate fans, a set of willow-ware dishes more than 150 years old. But a brown doll from Martinique, wearing earrings and calico, is calling you to them.

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WORLD COAL-MINING INDUSTRY TO UNDERGO INVESTIGATION

Railways Ordered to Aid Belgium—Czechoslovakia May Reduce Taxes—Britain Subsidizes Trade—American Strike a Burden

Special from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 15—An exhaustive inquiry into the coal-mining conditions throughout the world is being carried out under the auspices of the International Labor Office. The inquiry will concentrate chiefly on working hours and wages. A preliminary report is expected to be ready in time for the next International Labor Conference in May, 1926, but it will probably take at least two years to complete the inquiry.

The coal-mining industry is facing a crisis in almost every country. For instance, according to a recent bulletin of the International Federation of Trade Unions, the mine owners in Germany are demanding the reduction of duties on raw materials, reintroduction of pre-war working hours and the abolition of compulsory arbitration in order to enable them to weather the storm. The miners, on the other hand, demand the complete reconstruction of the whole mining industry, the transfer of superfluous mining labor to other industries, and an upward adjustment of wages to meet the higher cost of living.

Railways to Burn Belgian Coal
In Belgium, sales of coal are stated to be so small and the risk of a general strike so great, that the Minister of Labor has intervened with an order that the Belgian railways are to use only Belgian coal till the end of December. The scale of freight charges is to be remedied and wages were temporarily raised by 5 per cent in accordance with the index figures of the cost of living.

In Czechoslovakia, owing to the serious state of the industry, the Government, before the general election, proposed to reduce the 10 per cent tax on the sale price of coal, in order to stimulate consumption. It was also proposed to lower railway freight charges on coal. It has yet to be seen what effect the changes in the political complexion of the Parliament at the recent general election, and in particular the successes of the Communist candidates, will have on these proposals.

Britain Subsidizes Industry
In Great Britain, the arrangement to safeguard wages and profits, by which a strike was averted last July, has resulted in the Government having to subsidize the industry by over

£2,000,000 in the three months August, September, and October. Some improvement has taken place in the outlook during the last few weeks—partly owing to the anthracite strike in the United States, and partly as a result of the improved industrial outlook. Over 200,000 tons of idle shipping, for instance, were put into commission in British ports in October, and most of the ships concerned burn coal. But the industry must remain in a state of uncertainty at least until the Royal Commission, appointed last July, makes its report next April, and meanwhile there are serious misgivings concerning what it is to be done if and when the Government's subsidy is subsequently withdrawn.

In the United States—to return to the bulletin of the International Federation of Trade Unions—there is the anthracite strike, while the rapid increase of hydroelectric installations does not improve the prospects of the soft-coal industry. In other countries, such as British India, South Africa, Russia, Spain, and Chile, the coal mining industry is equally up against serious difficulties, due to the relatively greater cheapness of other fuels and the changing habits of the people.

Problems to Be Solved
The investigation to be carried out by the International Labor Office is understood to involve the consideration of such questions as international competition, the statutory and effective working hours, the working hours in continuous shift operations, the time taken in winding the men up and down the pits and reaching the coal face.

It is hoped it will also be possible to cover the use of labor-saving machinery, and the uses to which the coal is put after reaching the surface, including its conversion into power at the pit head, low-temperature carbonization, etc.

Finally, there is expected to be a comparison of the real wages of the miners in the different countries and of the cost of production and profits earned by the capital invested in the industry.

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THE HOME FORUM

What Do You Read at Christmas?

DOUBTLESS if the question were asked today—Is there something you always read at Christmas?—the answer from the greatest number of people would be Dickens' Christmas Carol.

When "A Christmas Carol in Prose" burst upon the English speaking world, the fruit of an impassioned inspiration which had sent Dickens roaming the streets for days in a fury of enthusiasm, it was acclaimed and sobbed over and rejoiced in and by itself would have made him famous. Since, it has had its period of comparative neglect. Our own century has seen the story placed at the very pinnacle of Christmas literature. Today more people are reading it and reciting it and playing it than ever in its existence.

Anywhere that we are looking at pictures Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig are apt to dance down the middle. Mr. Leech has seen to that. Everywhere we meet the delightful Cratchitts, from Bob to the Pudding. Every where we find ourselves going with Scrooge through those purposeful Christmas scenes, past, present and to come. We are breathlessly present when the last phantom comes into a bedpost, his own bedpost, and the scroogian in which he had cooked his stinky gruel is still standing by the fire. Between "Out upon Merry Christmas" and "I will have Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year" there lies a vast stretch of experience and it is good for anybody to take that journey with Mr. Scrooge.

With an increasing number of grateful people there are certain writings on the meaning of Christmas which have a gracious imperative above all others except those of the Scripture, and especially at this season when hearts instinctively yearn for the highest interpretation of the birth at Bethlehem. By means of these writings the sacred associations of Christmas joy are fed, and directed into still holier channels.

To many the Christmas Eve carols, whether sung or acted, compose the tenderest rite. Others find it in the glad arrangement of music and tale and prayer which a church service provides. In some countries, especially in Germany, there is a religious rite of the Christmas tree, quite dominating the sense of jollity and material gifts: the spirit of "Holy Night" instead of "Gather Around the Christmas Tree," and this has its own literature, beloved and honored in annual observance.

There is a piece of Christmas poetry which in many homes has no competitor. Any Christmaside, if you are fortunate enough to know of a bookshop kept by bookish people, you will find there a copy of Milton's Ode on the Nativity in some special binding. It will not be on a besieged counter. Those who seek it will carry it away without much speaking. In most cases it will be another copy in a succession once owned but given away occasionally or necessarily left behind in

some fitting. But although the book, as a matter of paper and ink, has now and again slipped out of the hand, out of the heart the poem has never slipped, especially if it was first known in childhood when a father voice read it at the family Christmas gathering.

Naturally an ode would not incite the furore that the much later Christmas storybook evoked, and Milton's poem has never had a vogue, but it has endured these three hundred years.

Musical harmony is inseparably associated with the name of Milton. One of the tenderest pictures in English literature is that of Milton at his organ. But chiefly he poured the music that was in him, and best expressed that "vehement love of the beautiful" for which he thanked God, into the channel of poetry. How else should a youth of twenty-one write such a hymn as this? How, except through poetical insight, was he to apprehend the supreme beauty of this Nativity, and be equipped to dedicate such an offering? For the hymn was with Milton not the curious tuning of his lyre to see what subtle strains could be drawn from its strings, or to what use his knowledge of words and cadences could be put in the mechanism of a poem. To Milton it was a devotion.

See him writing to his friend: "And now, if you will know what I am myself doing, here is the fact: we are engaged in singing the heavenly birth of the King of Peace, and the happy age promised by the holy books, and the infant cries and cradling in a manger, and the sky with the new-born star in it, and the ethereal choir of hymning angels, and the gods of the heathen suddenly fleeing to their endangered fane. This is the gift which we have presented. . . . On that very morning, at daybreak, it was first conceived."

Hear him counseling his own heart: "See how from far upon the eastern road The star-led wizards haste with odours sweet; Oh! run, prevent them with thy humble ode, And lay it lowly at his blessed feet; Have thou the honour first thy Lord to greet. And join thy voice unto the angel choir. From out his secret altar touched with hallowed fire."

The outworn theology of the Ode is easily brushed aside. Nowhere is it so compact of the poem as to stem the surging tide of eloquent praise and prophecy. Marched before the eyes is the whole "crew" of pagan deities, as they "forsake their temples dim." The whole world is swept for imagery to set forth the ultimate triumph of the rays of Bethlehem over the Lucifer lights of paganism. Was ever the music of Bethlehem so well rendered?

After the first range of prophecy and burst of praise, after a glimpse of

The old Dragon, under ground In straiter limits bound Who, in his wrath Swinges the scaly horror of his folded tail,

the song grows more and more warlike. The passage is tumorous, a rough and tumble of vocables. The long line which elsewhere in the Ode unwinds with such stately labors and stumbles upon itself. There is a space. The metre rolls thunderingly, the strains are awful.

But suddenly there is peace. . . . But see, the Virgin blisse Hath laid her Babe to rest. The long line retrieves its glory, And all about the courtly stable Bright-harnessed angels sit in order serviceable. . . . Two centuries later in the celebration of Christmas, you will meet Washington Irving, in his hand a Christmas story much read and an annual rite. The contrast between "Christmas at Bracebridge Hall" and Dickens' "Carol" is as great as could well be found in one literature. Irving emphasizes the spirit of hospitality and the love of old customs. His style has not bridged the years as Dickens' has. It is often as quaint as the thing he describes. At his most earnest moments he is scarcely more than a sort of detached benevolence comfortably interested in his fellowmen, while Dickens is talking from the midst of the story. He has the air all through of enjoying it hugely.

Yet Irving's characters live. His coachman has provided a model for many like personages, and we never forget the old Squire, modeling himself upon the "Complete Gentleman" of 1612, who had brought out of the past centuries as many of the old ceremonies as would bear transplanting. We learn about the Yule Clog, and sit at the Christmas Eve supper, where there was frummenty for those who wished to be orthodox in their foot, and where Master Simon's falsetto wavered on his old ditty.

There are no specters in Irving's Christmas scenes, and nobody gets reformed. It is the gentle humorist from end to end.

There is only one Christmas hymn, only one Christmas story. The multitude of the heavenly host above the plains of Bethlehem sang the hymn and the Gospel writers have told the story. Prophecy and event, the maid, the mother, and the babe, the music and the star, the shepherds and the wise men, and angels as along the way. Get it all together in one reading and realize that here is a tale that cannot be retold any more than it can be worn out, so exquisitely wrought it is, so instinct with humanity, so charged with spiritual mandate. "Which shall be it all people."

Still was the night in Bethlehem—
Fragrant and still;
And under the hush of a little hill
That sheltered them,
Drowsy and warm lay the huddled sheep,
While the sheep-boys beside them, half asleep,
Stirred, uneasy, and seemed to keep
Watch for they knew not what good or ill.
Oh, still was the night in Bethlehem—
Holy and still!

Then through the dusk of the darkling night,
Through the brooding gloom,
There broke a flare, the sudden bloom
Of ineffable light;
A mighty noise as of rushing wings;
And all through the daisie and thunderings
A deep strange thrill of unspeakable things
That on earth could scarce find room.
Oh, full was the night in Bethlehem
Of glory and light!

Think not the evangel given as
Could forfeit be,
Nor the promise become to humanity
Less glorious:
For that peace of God is our heritage.
Down the centuries comes the gaze—
Freedom and power to every age,
Beyond all dreams of mortality:
And the light shines ever from Bethlehem
Victorious!

Julia P. Dahney.

Night in Bethlehem

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Surprised and dazed and sore distraught
The sheep-boys lay,
In a radiance greater than any day,
Which they fathomed not.
And they seemed to hear from a choir throng
The rhythm of some celestial song,
Through the ethers lifted and borne along
From the deepest depths to the faraway.
Oh, still was the night in Bethlehem—
For the coming day!

"Glory and glory!" the voices sang,
"Glory and peace!"
In a dream of unearthly harmonies
The anthem rang.
"This night is born to the souls of men
A light that can never go out again,
Whatever tumults or woes they ken,
For this is the guardian of Man's release!"
Oh, glory there was in Bethlehem—
Glory and peace!

Picture and Legend

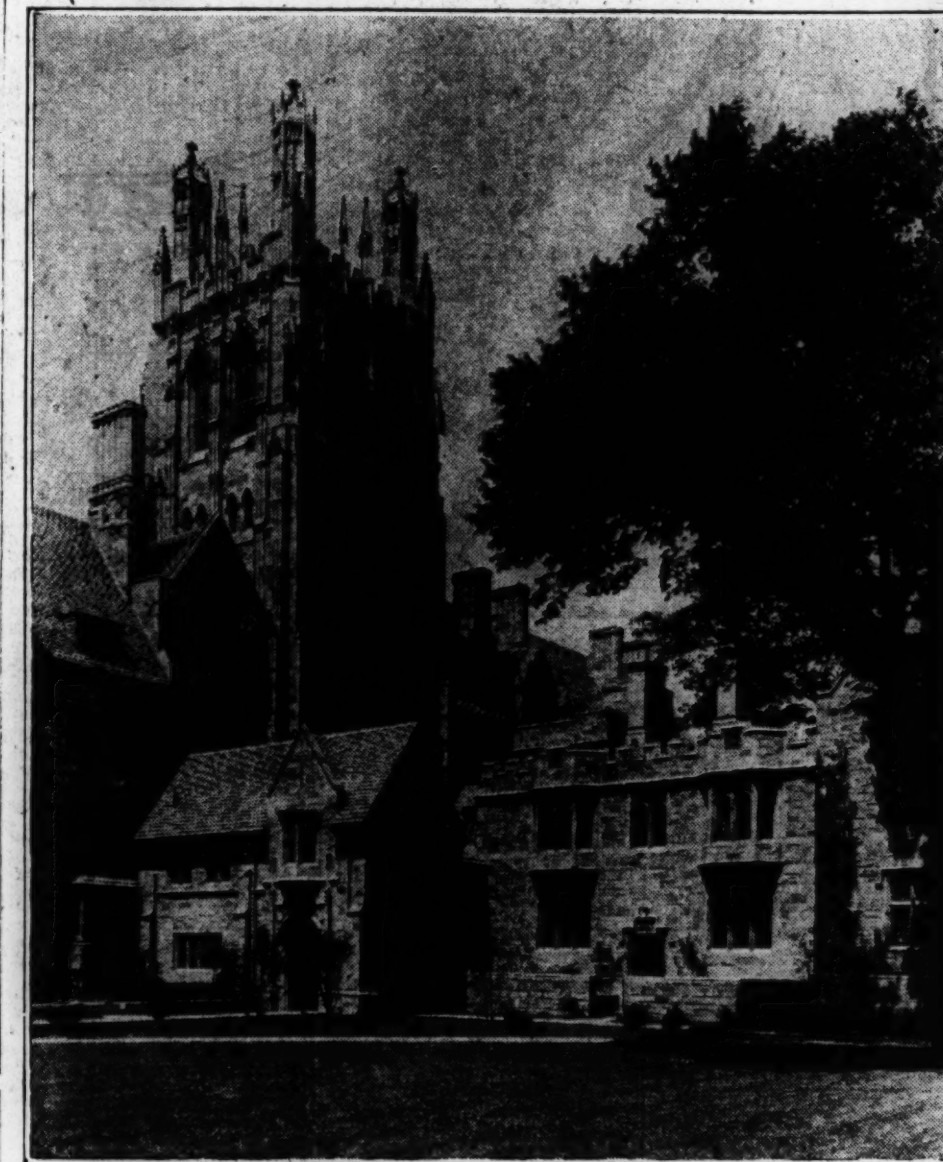
Following the advice of Ruskin to seek out all the pictures painted by that wondrous painter, Bernardo Luini, I traveled one day in the autumn to Como and went into the little cathedral to look at a picture by this artist that hangs there, in a very dark corner, and which I shall always think of as my favorite Christmas picture. Luini says Ruskin, "left nothing behind him that is not lovely," "every touch he laid was eternal, every thought he conceived was beautiful and pure," and looking at his picture of the stable and shepherds, with its perfect faces full of tenderness and pity, and its atmosphere of medieval piety, I seem to have carried away the most precious memory of a week of picture-gazing days.

This rather dark old canvas, on the dark wall of that beautiful cathedral, is one of Luini's early Christmas pictures—a quaint affair as far as perspective goes, for in delightful medieval fashion one can see both the inside and the outside of the stable; but it was not for the perfect, tender beauty of the babe and mother or the rude, dark interior of the cottage, or the lighted lantern hung above the open door that I remembered and loved the charming scene, it was rather because there seemed to radiate from it the very spirit of the Eve of Christmas.

It was the long procession on the zigzag road that came out of the desert at the top of a hill behind Bethlehem that attracted my attention; in that procession walked the animals—an elephant, a camel, a giraffe and horses, presumably accompanying the Magi, and all coming to the manger where Luini loved to paint the gentle ox and simple ass looking at the baby, probably because, according to the artless notions of that age, even the beasts rejoiced upon that one night of all nights and heard the angel's message, which indeed portended good for them also. So this picture became my Christmas joy, and I added it, in my thoughts, to Thomas Hardy's story of the oxen, told to him in boyhood at the turn of the night of rejoicing:

"Now they are all on their knees. An elder said as we sat in a flock By the embers in hearthside ease. We pictured the meek, mild creatures Where they dwelt in their straw pen, Nor did it occur to one of us there To doubt they were kneeling then."

All Luini's pictures of the Holy Night breathe out this childlike spirit of which Hardy says: "So fair a fancy few could weave today." One can well imagine him returning at this season to his little home at Luino and going up the hill at midnight with his friends and neighbors to keep Christmas in the old church of St. Pietro, his heart full of golden thoughts and revolving the lovely things he would paint in his next Nativity. There were so many heavenly fancies afloat in that old world, and artists must have loved the childlike stories that even yet are treasured in the solitary islands and unspoiled valleys of Europe. The coming of the child was often told to the children under quaint disguises concealing lessons of the very highest spiritual truth, so that no child could fail to learn the lesson on that night of nights. Luini him-



Wrexham Tower, Memorial Quadrangle, New Haven

Wrexham Towers, Old and New

JUST over the border dividing Cheshire from the Welsh county of Denbigh stands the ancient town of Wrexham, described by the old chronicler as "Trim Wrick-sam, town, a pearly of Denbighshire." Not the least among its distinctions is the little-known fact that in the old vicarage on the steep ascent rising beyond the present central railway station Bishop Reginald Heber wrote the world-famous hymn.

And now this "wonder of Wales" has, an actual descendant, five years old, in America. When the Harkness Memorial Quadrangle at Yale was planned, some one's happy inspiration prompted the incorporation in the magnificent pile some monument which should perpetuate the English associations of the university's founder. Nothing could be so appropriate as the noble tower which stands sentinel over the churchyard of old Wrexham. So as one of the crowning glories of Yale's greatest edifice, the new tower was erected.

The problem was to harmonize its square massiveness with the more slender tapering form of the Harkness Tower, but the reconciliation was effected by the genius of the architect, James Gamble Rogers. It is now known that he permitted in his office no measured drawings but only photographs of the original structure. Hence the American tower is not an exact replica of the old, yet it reproduces all its essentials in form and proportion. An interesting feature of the variations is seen in the pentagonal shape of the turrets which in the older are hexagonal. And the Yale tower carries no spire!

Of its effect in the whole structure a prominent architect has written: "Considered as architecture, the Wrexham Tower on the York Street side of the Memorial Quadrangle is a notable achievement in itself. Designed to give a strong accent to the facade, and, at the same time, to give balance to the more lofty Harkness Tower in the general composition of the group, it accomplishes both of these purposes admirably—the more so, because it opposes two vigorous silhouettes, one dominant and one subordinate, the continuity of the design of the entire group, the balance between the two sides of the square, and the scale of the whole have been preserved to a remarkable degree."

It were invidious to point out how much more perfectly proportioned to the whole is the new tower. Rather should we rejoice over its permanent place in the most beautiful university edifice in America and in the significance, historically and architecturally, of its associations. The Harkness Tower is soaring lightness and loveliness. The Wrexham Tower rises four-square with indomitable strength, yet always touched with beauty. The one seems to seek kinship with the clouds and the sky. The other seems rather like a mountain with solid foundation in the earth. The one perpetuates the name which stands for enlightened munificence. The other links the cultural unity of two peoples.

The Mission of Christ Jesus

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DURING the Christmas season in greater degree than at any other time of the year the thought of Christendom turns to the Bethlehem babe, to the Man of Nazareth, and to his marvelous proofs of the omnipotence of God. The spirit of Christmas is then abroad in the earth, and Christians everywhere pause to pay tribute to him whom they have come to look upon as Lord and Saviour, and to reflect upon the meaning of his holy mission. It is perfectly clear that since Christ Jesus came to show mankind the way to salvation, salvation is won through understanding him and his mission, through accepting his precepts and following in his footsteps. Did he not declare, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"? Obviously, he can become the Saviour and Way-shower only to those who turn to him as Redeemer and Lord, who accept the way he pointed out. More and more mankind is finding the solution of all its problems in his teachings and example. More and more, as we accept him as our Way-shower and Saviour, do life's burdens lift. Surely no one can fail to profit from intimate acquaintance with this most potent of men. John, perhaps above all others, put concisely the purpose of Jesus' works: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." What are the works of the devil but the false claims which so-called mortal mind holds to be true—evil of every type, sin, disease, and death included? "But," one may ask, "did Jesus destroy all these forms of evil?" Yes, even the belief of death itself, the so-called "king of terrors." He proved for all mankind that God is the only power; that evil has no slightest quality of reality; that Love is all, and supreme.

In writing of Jesus' demonstration over the belief of death held by his enemies, Mrs. Eddy says, in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 44): "He proved Life to be deathless and Love to be the master of hate. He met and mastered on the basis of Christian Science, the power of Mind over matter, all the claims of medicine, surgery, and hygiene." Jesus became the Messiah, the Saviour of mankind, not alone by proving the power of Mind to destroy every type of evil, every false belief, but by showing mortals how to find their way by following his example. Manifestly, since salvation is an individual problem to be worked out by every

mortal for himself, Jesus could do no more than to show the way. But by this he became both our Way-shower and our Exemplar.

Had mankind really grasped the significance of Jesus' mission, how much of strife, hardship, and sorrow would mortals have averted! His gentle admonitions have so frequently fallen upon deaf ears! "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." With what kindness do these words convey the purpose of the Master's mission! How gentle the process whereby men may find rest and peace through happiness! and the gracious insistence that his yoke is easy, and his burden is light, conveys to the receptive heart the assurance that in accepting him we are seeking salvation in the way of God's appointing, and are not confronted by impossible tasks. The burden of Truth's demands is light for those who seek in obedience and lowliness of heart—in pure faith, in a mortal mind, so called, may cling tenaciously to its beliefs, resisting to the utmost the oncoming truth, yet it yields when Truth is assiduously held to and acclaimed as God's Word. "The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent," writes Mrs. Eddy on page 412 of Science and Health. Surely omnipotent Love has no opposite! Not only are Christian Scientists proving to their full satisfaction that Christ Jesus' teachings furnish the way out of the evils of sin and woe, but they are assured that there is no other way. While Truth is universal, its availability to meet the human need was perfectly demonstrated by Christ Jesus; and Christian Science supplies the rule and mode by which this infinite power becomes available to each and every one. Hence Christian Scientists turn to Jesus with praise and thanksgiving, with the utmost reverence and gratitude. They accept his precepts to the least detail, and strive to the utmost to follow in his footsteps. They recognize that the demands upon the true disciple have not changed, and these demands were not different in those days than they are now. The way to be traversed is the same, and the blessings are not less. "The ways of Christianity have not changed," writes Mrs. Eddy in "Fundamental Divine Science" (p. 17), "Meekness, selflessness, and love are the paths of His testimony and the footsteps of His flock."

The Nativity

(The two Prophets come in.)

1st Prophet
Sir, now is the time come,
And the date thereof run
Of his Nativity.

2nd Prophet
Yet I beseech you heartily,
That ye would show me how
That this strange novelty
Were brought unto you?

1st Prophet
This other night so cold,
Hereby upon a wold,
Shepherds watching their fold
In the night so far,
To them appeared a star,
And ever it drew them near,
Which star they did behold.
Brighter they say a thousand fold
Than the sun so clear
In his midday sphere;
And they these tidings told.

2nd Prophet
What, secretly?
Na, na, hardly.
They made there of no council,
For they sang as loud,
As ever the sun so clear
Praising the king of Israel.

2nd Prophet
Yet do I marvel.
In what pile or castle,
These herdsmen did him see.

1st Prophet
Neither in halls, nor yet in bowers,
Born would he not be,
Neither in castles, nor yet in
towers,
That seemed were to see,
But at his Father's will,
The prophecy to fulfil,
Behold an ox and an ass
Jesus this king born he was;
Heaven he bring us till!

2nd Prophet
Sir, ah! but when these shepherds
He saw, and heard him say,
To what place did they repair?

1st Prophet
Forth they went, and glad they
were;
Going they did sing,
With mirth and solace, they made
good cheer,
For joy of that new tidings tell,
He sawed and heard him say,
He granted them heaven therein to
dwell.
In are they gone with joy and
mirth,
And their song is Noël.
(The two Prophets go forth.)

—From the Coventry Play, Fifteenth Century.

The Hymn

The shepherds sing; and shall I
silent be?
My God, no hymn for Thee? . . .
The pasture is Thy word, the streams
Thy grace,
Enriching every place.
—George Herbert.

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"Let Us Now Go"

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And is it very far to Bethlehem?
About your town has not a crowded inn
Within the week, sent down a word "no room"
To one who would have laid a priceless gift
Within its doors?

Can it be far to the abode of them
Who watched by night behind a veil so thin
That glory broke through centuries of gloom?
This morning, was there not a golden rift
Through grief of yours?

And is it far to seek the place
A child was born?
Look we for stranger house or raze,
A single morn?
An hour ago, a heart laid down
High pride, and told her wrong.
Her house touched ours. In the next town
A man stilled self with song.

Let us now go to Bethlehem.
It is not far.
A sharp turn from a cold way—
There shines the star!

Lena Hall.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS' PAGE

Una's Flying Tree

By MABEL S. MERRILL

THERE was something puzzling at the top of the great snowy slope up which Clive Harrison was gazing from the door of the little new bungalow. One shining white spur of the big hill a small dark figure, sharply outlined against the blue winter sky, was wildly waving its arms.

"Seems to be a mite of a girl all by herself, and those gymnastics are meant to attract our attention, shouldn't you say?" asked Clive of his sister Avis who had come out to look.

"Of course, they are. Clive, didn't Daddy say that there were usually one or two wood choppers' families living in the cabins up there? I hope nothing is wrong. Why, look!"

The little dark figure had stopped waving its arms and was bending over some low dark object on the brow of the hill. Next instant the object, whatever it was, had started to come down the great smooth slope. There was a thin crust on the snow and the thing skinned along easily, spinning and slewing and once or twice turning clear over. But there was nowhere it could land except in the road that ran past the bungalow, and there Clive finally righted it, and stood staring in puzzled silence.

The Tattling-Shuttle
"It looks rather like a big tattling-shuttle made of barrel staves and round at the end instead of pointed," commented Avis. "I believe it is meant for coasting. Clive, it slides splendidly on those rounded sides, whichever way you put it. But what did the child mean by tying this little fir tree to the top side?"

There was no need to answer this question, for a second look showed that the fir was a tiny Christmas tree set in a block of wood and lashed firmly to the coaster. Bits of colored paper and a battered tin ball were fastened so securely among the branches that the wild ride had not dislodged them. A small pink pasteboard box with the word "Candy" written across it in a round childish hand was tied to the foot of the tree.

"The dear little mite!" said Avis in a low voice. "Was she trying to remind us that it is Christmas Day? Well, it hasn't seemed much like it yet. Oh, here's a letter addressed to the 'Folks at the Bungalow.'"

Una's Message
Clive read the letter over her shoulder as they stood in the snow. It said:

Dear Folks: This is my Christmas tree and I'm sending it to Kerry Poole way down your road because I've had my fun with it and Kerry ought to have some too. He is only a kid and he will be lonesome this Christmas without me. You surely know him, please, and tell him I can spare it as well as not because Daddy will be home tonight.

UNA THORNE.
P. S.—Kerry may keep the scrubber, too. I've got another like it. "What's the name of the thing, then—a scrubber? But I shall always call it a tattling-shuttle," declared Avis. "Come on, Clive. You know where the Poole's live, in that old farmhouse we passed yesterday, when we came up here."

Drawing the "scrubber" behind them, they tramped down the snowy road, taking care that the precious tree did not upset again. They were glad of something to do, for their Christmas Day had been dull enough so far. Their father, a naturalist, had built the little new bungalow to live in while he studied wild life in the woods at first hand. He was out somewhere, at this minute, investigating some vague rumor of a snowy owl in the hillside thickets.

Kerry Poole
At the Poole house, eight-year-old Kerry inspected the little tree rather soberly while he listened to their story.

"You better b'lieve I miss Una," he said. "Last winter we lived up there in the cabin next to hers. I guess she's lonesome herself. Say, what's her father gone off for?"

This the visitors could not tell him and they were somewhat dismayed to learn that Una and her father were living alone in the woods this winter. Joe Thorne had gone up the mountain, as it was called, to cut a small stand of timber, so Mrs. Poole explained.

"He must have finished it by this time, and most likely he stopped to go over to the lumber camp back of the mountain to see if he could get a job there. It would save him a long tramp to find that out before he brought Una down to spend Christmas."

"Well, look here, what if he shouldn't get back tonight and Una should have to stay there all by herself?" urged Kerry. "It's 2 o'clock now. Mother, why don't we telephone to the lumber camps and find out if Joe Thorne has left?"

It seemed a good idea and Mrs. Poole soon succeeded in getting the connection, but the information from the Camps was very encouraging. Joe Thorne was there but could not possibly get home tonight. A gale the day before had dropped two big trees on the roof of the men's sleeping-quarters and everybody was pressed into service to get some sort of shelter up before night. He had been intending to telephone the Poole's to look out for Una.

"There now, how is the child to be got down off that mountain with my man and the team away?" lamented Mrs. Poole. "Anyhow, the mountain road is blocked with snow; they never broke it out after the last two storms."

"I'll take this scrubber and go afoot," announced Kerry valiantly. Clive laughed. "I'm thinking that job would be a sight too big for you, young one. But I guess I'm equal to it as soon as I can get hold of my skis."

"I'm going too," cried Avis. "If you get lost in the woods on that mountain you'll want me for company."

They were off in the midst of Mrs. Poole's warnings and explanations. At their own house they stopped only long enough to get Avis's snowshoes and Clive's skis and to tell



"It Was a Breathless Journey, Especially When a Snow Squall Caught Them Halfway Down."

The Boyhood of a Poet

ONCE upon a time, and that no more than a century ago, there lived a little lad named Bayard. At his birth his good parents, Joseph and Rebecca Taylor, who used the Friendly "Shout" and "Hoe," and kept to Friendly ways though not of the Quaker faith, rejoiced exceedingly, for he was their fourth but only living child.

Pennsylvania, too, should have rejoiced, for it did not (as who can say), for in the little dark-eyed, dark-haired lad was vouchsafed to a poet. And likewise should and did the little lad (this we know), because it was such a wondrous world

and such a wondrous time to be born in.

Bryant, the oldest of the New World poets, had then published some of his first poems; Longfellow was a senior at Bowdoin College; Whittier had yet to earn his first term at Haverhill Academy; Poe was dreaming of entering the new University of Virginia; Emerson was a student at Harvard divinity school; Holmes not yet finished with preparatory work at Andover; Lowell, a mere Cambridge schoolboy on his galloping pony. Thus it happened that they all grew up and lived and sang together in that truly Golden Age.

Ancestral Acres
And now to the Bayard lad again, one of this delightful "nest of singing birds." When he was 4, the Taylor family moved to a farm a mile beyond the old house in Kennett Square where he was born. These were in reality ancestral acres, being a small portion of the original land grant made to a Taylor forebear by William Penn. Had they been the half of a kingdom, they could not have afforded greater joy to the 4-year-old.

They boasted that wonder of wonders, a swamp, wherein he was to explore to his heart's content. Deeper and deeper he went among the rushes and the wild flags until the rich black mud had fairly plastered his little brown bare feet and pretty well transformed his beaming face. Now it was a treasure of an orange-spotted terrapin that he garnered, now a baby frog no bigger than a chestnut, now a thrush's egg (yes, he has admitted it), now some stems of wild purple phlox.

Bayard's Kingdom
This, however, was only one of the many delectable provinces of his kingdom. He was to be found at times near the farmhouse, looking with envy on the birds of the mammoth cherry tree, with admiration on the weather-cock above the barn, both of which occupied heights of his ambition. Or he might climb some smaller tree of the orchard or to mount to the roof of some alluring building.

Christmas in Australia
FANCY spending the Christmas holidays out camping with the sun shining down on you from above with a heat that is most oppressive!

Well, that is how the boys of Australia spend their Christmas. They either join their Scouting Troop, and go right away into the country where they learn the ways of woodcraft and scouting duties in general, or they form camps of their own, and while away the time fishing, bathing, boating, etc., and they have such a good time that it passes only too quickly for them.

As far as the shops and stores are concerned in Australia during the Christmas season, they are all gayly decorated with the general Christmas fare, such as all boys and girls enjoy. But instead of the hot drinks and foods that are so necessary in cold climates, there is a rush for the ice-cream shops.

As a rule the family goes for a picnic on Christmas day, either to the seaside or away into the country, where they amuse themselves by playing games, picking wild flowers,

and other outdoor recreations, and the day passes only too quickly for them. As far as games are concerned, the boys play cricket chiefly at this particular time of the year. Tennis, too, is played. In fact, the weather is so mild that tennis can be played all the year round and even night tennis is much indulged in, the courts being lit up during the night session by electricity. Again, baseball is fast becoming popular among the boys of Australia. Football is a favorite game, and is also played all the year round, although more so in winter.

The Christmas party is held among the children of Australia much as in other countries where it is cold at Christmas, and games of all kinds are indulged in.

Many boys and girls of Australia have never seen snow and it would be quite a novelty for them to watch it fall from the skies. In fact, there are many grown-ups who have never seen it either.

The Australian boy in general enjoys the hot weather at Christmas-time and his outdoor life, and cold weather and life indoors at this time does not appeal to him in the least.

by and by beneath them he wrote some verses of his own.

Often at night his mother heard him repeating to his little brother stanzas he had loved and learned and was to remember always. Soon he was adding Byron's glorious rhythm to his verse-book and illustrating it with drawings and in color. This, however, was at his second schoolhouse, the one of stone where Samuel Martin taught. None could have loved the youthful poet more or been of greater help to him than this kind Friend, who encouraged his every undertaking from collecting to verse.

During these years the growing lad was reading every book he could obtain, the 200 from the Kennett library, others bought from the sale of gathered acorns and herbs. Always his favorites were poetry and travel.

And when unpleasant tasks came, as they must to a farmer's son who had no liking for rough labor, these were lightened by his thoughts of evenings with his books. Gibbon's Rome or "Thaddeus of Warsaw" could dispel a weight of boyish troubles.

The Magic of Books
In the papers at this time were appearing certain letters called "Pencilings by the Way," by N. P. Willis, the young American poet and traveler. Through them the boy was magically transported from Chester County to London, Paris, Rome, the shores of the Mediterranean. He saw them, actually saw them, and spoke so familiarly of them that his schoolmates needs must laugh at him for his oddity.

Equally delightful was the acquaintance he now made with all the young American poets—vicariously through the press. Nor was he less a poet than the rest, though but a schoolboy and wanting publication. From his twelfth year, so he has recorded, he wrote continuously—"poems, novels, or historical essays, but principally poems." These were after the style of Scott, Byron, Moore, and other favorites. And as was to be expected the themes were sometimes those of his Chester County world, sometimes of foreign places.

But this is anticipating. The son whom Joseph Taylor hoped to make into a farmer was given further schooling in his native land and a term at Unionville Academy before the final decision was made. These years brought his first taste of travel—the maiden journey of a world-traveler. With two schoolmates he set forth on foot to visit the near-by battlefield of the Brandywine. He wrote his account of it, which promptly appeared in the home paper. This was Bayard Taylor's first published work.

His debut as a poet came next and soon. One of the boyish poems from his verse-book was submitted with fear and trembling to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post and Joy of joys, published by that high and mighty one. Immature it was and never to be included in collections of his work, but his delight in its first appearance was beyond all measuring. He was another Dickens with his first of joy, he was the John Godfrey of his novel-to-be exciting that he had been received into the world of letters.

Other poems followed in the Post and in Graham's Magazine. By that time he had left Unionville Academy and indeed all schoolrooms behind him forever. He was no longer a little lad, but 17 years old, six feet in height, erect, athletic, full of life

and vigor, teeming with ambition. His handsome face, dark expressive eyes, dark ringleted hair made him the very picture of a poet. This a good time he became.

With his father's consent he was apprenticed to the printing trade. At the age of 18 he was encouraged to publish his first volume of poems. And so he passed from his small lonely world to the great world of letters where he was received as a brother by his great contemporaries.

Something to Make

Your Own Ferry

HAVE you ever seen one of the Mississippi River paddle steamers? If you have, you know just how they are propelled in the waters, but if you have only seen them in motion pictures or on postcards, you probably do not know how easy it is to make a miniature paddle steamer out of the piece of wood that can be made to propel itself just like the big boats on the river, and also carry small things for "cargo."

It is lots of fun to make one of these when you have a few spare moments, and very interesting, too, to begin with, take a small piece of wood about half an inch thick, whittle whichever end you wish for the bow of your steamer to a rounded point, so that it looks similar to a stub pen point when finished. That will be all for the bow.

The stern, or rear, to which your paddles will later be attached requires the greatest care and skill in the making. You must splice into each end, at about one-quarter of an inch from the outside water line, the bow of the boat and run your line not more than one inch or so deep. Of course, the larger your steamer, the deeper your incision should be. Exercise great care when doing this, so that you do not run the knife down too far, because your wood will easily split when cut with the grain. When you have done this, all that remains is to cut directly across from slit to slit until the paddle-like piece of wood falls out of the end of your steamer. If you have followed the directions very closely, you will see that you have a boat-shaped piece of wood with two poles extending at the ends. You must not cut these poles off, because your paddle wheel will be strung from them by means of an elastic band later.

Now take two small thin pieces of wood, just large enough to fit comfortably into the open spaces that have cut out of the stern of your boat, splice them almost halfway, at a thickness of about one-eighth of an inch. Make two of these alike in every way; then join them in true paddle style by running the two grooves together. If you have been careful, the paddle will look just right and will resemble a cross-section of cardboard in an eggbox.

You now have the finished boat and the little paddle wheel. Next, cut a small groove into the outside of the poles on your boat, just deep enough to keep an elastic band from slipping off the ends. Then splice an elastic band and give it one full twist over the joint of your paddle wheel; then place the two loops left into the grooves you have cut on the poles of the boat.

presto! you now have your own, home-made ferry boat. To make it go, just wind the little paddle wheel backward or forward several times and your boat will respond, going either backward or forward, whichever way you wind your wheel. If you want your steamer to carry cargo like the big boats do, just load a few empty thread spools on the deck and then see the fun.

Creating an Atlas

SCIENTIFIC discoveries of recent years—rapid means of transport, telegraphs, telephones, cables and wireless—have made the farthest lands near neighbors, and are thus paving the way for the easy development of the post-war "world outlook." Present-day geography especially, is an absorbing and intensely practical science, invading the lives of us all whether we be statesmen, business men, or plain citizens.

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Current Events

Disarmament Conference

ONE of the great questions before the world today is that of disarmament. How far is it possible for the nations of the world in their present state of progress to agree on a general disarmament policy? The Washington Conference held some years ago did much in the way of reducing naval armaments, but it did not discuss land and air armaments.

The whole subject is now being taken up by the League of Nations which is arranging for a conference in which it is hoped all the nations of the world will participate. The Council of the League has sent invitations to the United States and other non-members of the League to send delegates to Geneva to help in making preliminary plans for this great conference.

There are many very knotty points to be considered. One of the questions to be discussed by this preliminary meeting is: On what basis can a relative scale of armaments be drawn up, taking into account such matters as population, resources, geographical situation, communications, frontiers, and delays necessary to convert peace armaments to a war footing. This will give you some idea of the difficulties before the conference, but it is felt that it is necessary for the world to face this problem, that it is one of the steps in the path to world peace—that peace of which the angels sang on the first Christmas morning.

President Coolidge's Greeting

Perhaps you have already heard President Coolidge's Christmas greeting to the boys and girls of the Nation. It was addressed to the Boy Scouts, the Lone Scouts and the 4-H Clubs. Here is something to remember from it:

"A very wise man gave us this motto: 'Do the duty that lies nearest you.' It seems to me that this is the plan of all our organizations. We need never fear that we shall not be called upon to do great things in the future if we do the small things well at present. It is the boys and girls who work hard at their duty who are sure to make the best record, sitting up on their hind legs to do so."

"There is a time for play as well as for work. But even in play it is possible to cultivate the art of well-doing. Games are useful to train the eye, the hand, and the muscle, and bring the body more completely under the control of the mind. . . . It is in all these ways that boys and girls are learning to be men and women, to be respectful to their parents, to be patriotic to their country, and to be reverent to God. . . ."

The Irish Boundary

The long dispute between Ulster and the Irish Free State as to the boundary between them has at last come to an end through the intervention of Great Britain. The boundary will remain unchanged, but a financial agreement has been made, between Great Britain and the Irish Free State, very favorable to the latter. The Irish Free State will not be required to pay its share of the British war debts, as it promised to do in its treaty with Great Britain, and in return it undertakes to pay for malicious damage done to property within its borders since Jan. 1, 1919.

Living Christmas Trees.

At Tacoma, in the State of Washington, a custom is growing up which is likely to become more and more popular. This is the custom of having living Christmas trees in the gardens of Tacoma's homes. These trees are decorated and beautifully

illuminated by strings of colored electric lights. In this way all may share in the beauty of the tree, and hundreds of growing trees are thus saved from destruction.

Who Knows?

1. Who said, "I would rather be right than President?"
2. How many women members are there in the present United States Congress?
3. How is the Union Jack formed?
4. Where is the largest limestone cave in the world?
5. What is a stalactite?

Answers to last week's questions:

The Locarno Treaty was signed on Dec. 1, 1925. Dr. Gustav Stresemann and Dr. Hans Luther signed the Treaty for Germany. Nicholas Longworth of Ohio is the new speaker of the House of Representatives. M. Pierre Curie and his wife discovered radium. Rhodesia is in South Central Africa, and is named after Cecil Rhodes.

Unusual Animals

A Field Rat That Builds a Stick Nest

The stick-nest building rat, which is entirely new to Australia, is somewhat like a small rabbit in shape with very long ears. In length the animals are six or seven inches, when fully grown, and they have a tail nearly as long as their body. Their forefeet are comparatively short, but in spite of this they do not hop like a kangaroo, but run. Their "hands" are beautifully formed, and it is with these they do their best building, sitting up on their hind legs to do so.

The nests vary a good deal in shape, but are usually built on the same general plan. A central bush is chosen as a starting point, and around this a number of animals unite together in constructing a common home. Branches of the bush are interwoven and other sticks and branches are threaded together around the bush, until the whole structure is a solid mass, and a very large, old-fashioned beehive.

Although several families may combine to build one of these nests, each family occupies a separate compartment in the finished structure. The compartments are well lined with soft grass, and are seemingly the height of luxury from a rat's point of view.

These basket nests are sufficiently strong to resist the attacks of its enemies, and owing to the little rat's cleverness, it is able to evolve the habit of building a stockade.

In certain parts of the country the bushes are too small and frail to act as a central support for the rat's nests. In these circumstances, they vary their usual practice by building their nests in the fork of a tree, over rabbit warrens, and to make up for the loss of the supporting bush, the animals place small stones on the top of the nest, much as homesteaders place rocks or slabs on roofs to keep loose coverings down.

Such an adaptation to circumstances surely places this little Australian animal fairly high in the scale of progressive intelligence.

Key to Puzzle

- Key to puzzle published Dec. 17:
1. Concord—cod, corn.
 2. Providence—prince, dove.
 3. Boston—not, sob.
 4. Montpelier—lemon, trips.
 5. Hartford—fort, hard.

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Republic of Mongolia Issues Stamp Series Printed in Moscow

Iceland for First Time Plans Distinctive Series Showing Native Scenes—South Seas Exhibition Issue

ANOTHER division has been added to the Soviet combination by the creation of the republic of Mongolia, adding yet another stamp-issuing country to the collector's already extensive list. Russian influence has been steadily moving eastward beyond the Siberian frontier for some time, and this republic is a direct result of the far reaching powers of the central Soviet committee in Moscow.

A series of six stamps has been prepared in Moscow, and the design shows a central device which appears to be made up of four crowns, their bases toward a central circular decorative device, and the whole resembling a Maltese Cross. Mongolia, as we know it, is usually, but artificially divided into two sections, and the region which has become the new republic is or was Northern or Outer Mongolia. It comprises the northern part of the Gobi Desert as well as a strip of fertile country on the Siberian frontier. Its inhabitants are Mongolians in the east, Dzungarians in the west, and Khalkas in the middle portion. Ula, the capital, is the seat of the Bogdo, "Hulaku," a living representative of the political head of the true Mongolians. The name Ula, however, has been changed to Oulan-Bator.

The inhabitants of this new state are for the most part hunters, herdsmen, and, with the exception of the town dwellers, they take part in annual migrations to the slopes in the summer months and wintering on the flat lands.

An Academic Bicentenary Two hundred years ago the Academy of Sciences was founded in St. Petersburg, and a series of two stamps has just appeared to commemorate the event. The values are 3 kopeks, brown, and 15 kopeks, olive-black, and the stamps are of large oblong format, the design showing a medallion portrait of Mikhail Lomonosov, with the dates 1725 and 1925, while below appears a reproduction of the building as it appeared in its early days. These stamps have been produced by the photogravure process on the new

watermarked paper, are perforated 13½ all round, and the printing has been limited to 400,000 sets. Mikhail Yastievich Lomonosov was born at the little island village of Denissville, in the Archangel Government, in 1711. The name of his birthplace was afterward changed to Lomonosov in honor of the young fisher boy who started his brilliant career on his admission to the Zaikonospaski school at 17. His progress was rapid, and six years later he was sent from Moscow to St. Petersburg, being chosen later to complete his education in other lands. He appears to have married while in Germany, but the meager stipend allowed by the committee of education compelled him to return secretly to Russia. Here he rose to distinction, was appointed professor of chemistry at St. Petersburg University, and was elected rector soon afterward. In 1764 he was created Secretary of State. His most valuable work was on physical science. He compiled a grammar of the Russian language.

South Seas Exhibition Issue In connection with the Southern and South Seas Exhibition at Dundee in November there will be a special issue of three values, and these are to remain in use during the period of the concourse—about five months. This is the third exhibition introduced by the Dominion. A special series of four values was brought out during the Christchurch Exhibition in 1906, and seven years later a number of the then current stamps of the Edwardian era were overprinted "Auckland Exhibition 1913" in three lines.

New Icelandic Series The new issue of stamps for Iceland marks an epoch in the postal story of the really little known country. Hitherto the stamp designs have so closely resembled the Danish issues that we were rather apt to consider the two countries as one, and the catalogue kept up a reproduction of the building as it appeared in its early days. These stamps have been produced by the photogravure process on the new



Flossette and Harlequin

FLOSSETTE was a lovely French doll. She could stand alone and could say "Mama" and "Papa." Near her in the toy shop stood a jolly harlequin in a suit of red, blue, and yellow. They both spoke French so they had many a chat as they stood there in the toy shop. Of course, when Flossette was speaking with other dolls she could say much more than "Mama" and "Papa."

One day a very beautiful and smiling lady came into the shop. She looked about quickly, then she came directly to the doll department. She was so lovely that Flossette wished very much that she would buy her. And sure enough she did. She picked up Flossette and gave her a little hug, saying, "You darling!"

Then she bought Harlequin. And away went the three of them in a fine big motorcar.

Flossette and Harlequin were placed on a table with a number of other gifts. Every day the lady would come into the room and wrap up some of the gifts and take them away. She would hum merry little tunes as she wrapped the gifts in pretty paper and tied them with Christmas ribbon. Every time she came into the room she would smile at Flossette and say something to her in French. And sometimes she would play with Harlequin, making his tiny bells tinkle.

This was all very pleasant, but Flossette and Harlequin were anxious to start on their Christmas journey. They were very anxious to see the children for whom the pretty lady had bought them. But each day it was just the same. She talked with them and played with them, but she didn't seem to want to let them go.

At last Christmas morning came

and there they stood all alone. All the other gifts had been wrapped in pretty coverings and sent away. Flossette and Harlequin did not know what to think of it. They were just as unhappy as dolls can be. They knew the lady loved them and they thought there surely must be some good reason for leaving them there. But they nearly wept when they thought of the Christmas fun they were missing.

Late on Christmas afternoon the lady and her husband came into the room with their arms filled with the gifts they had received. The gentleman looked at Flossette and Harlequin and asked: "Well, what have we here?"

"Aren't they dear? I got them for the children of the French Consul," replied the lady.

"Oh, I see," said the gentleman.

When they had gone, Harlequin shrugged his shoulders and asked: "But what does he see? Christmas is Christmas, so why aren't we sent for Christmas?"

Flossette began to laugh. She laughed and laughed and laughed. Then she said: "Why, we are going to a French family, and you know the French family give us a New Year's Day rather than on Christmas. We shall be in time for the holiday fun yet."

And, sure enough, that is just what happened. On New Year's morning Flossette and Harlequin were awakened with cries of "Bonne Année!" "Happy New Year!" A dainty little French girl clasped Flossette in her arms, exclaiming: "La jolie poupée!" The pretty little French boy hugged Harlequin, shouting: "Le bel arlequin!" The handsome Harlequin!

The Diary of Snubs, Our Dog



Sponge was curled up in Mrs. Simpson's lap last night and she looked so comfortable that she decided to let the Boss to take me in his lap.

Well, persuading him was the easiest part of the job.



Because his lap isn't very big and I had quite a time finding enough room to lie down.



And even after I was all settled I soon began to slip and slide and once I fell to the floor.



But that didn't last long—The Boss placed a chair alongside his, and I used part of it and was able to stretch out real comfortably.

—7, 10, 20, 35 and 40 aur—and the particulars are as follows: 7 and 10 aur, green and green and brown respectively, beaming boats on the harborless southern coast; 10 blue and brown and 35 blue, street scene at Reykjavik; 20 red, National Museum at Reykjavik.

Iceland is always "Iceland" in the Danish way on the stamps, and it was a few months after their first appearance in 1873 that home rule was conceded to this long neglected country. It is called Snowland in the Sagas and was discovered about 861, the first settlers coming there nine years later. Some of its earliest inhabitants appear to have come from Ireland, and, curiously enough, the story of the two countries has much in common. The island is now a sovereign state, and since 1904 the Danish King has never exercised his power of veto over Icelandic laws. The Treaty of Association between Iceland and Denmark seven years ago was the final move which led up to the independence of the island.

Navigation Congress Plans The Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses has decided to hold the next congress at Cairo at the end of November or beginning of December, 1926, and as on the occasion of the recent congress of the world's geographers in Egypt's capital, there is to be a special issue of stamps. This is the fourth Navigation Congress and the subjects for discussion are divided into two groups—inland navigation and communications, and ocean navigation and communications. Another Egyptian issue is to be introduced to commemorate the Pan-African Olympic Games which are to be held at Alexandria in 1927. R. F. H.

In the Ship Lanes By FRANKLIN SNOW THE Level Club, an organization of Masons, chartered the steamship Reliance of the United American Lines, for a 14-day holiday cruise to the West Indies. The ship was booked to capacity with more than 400 passengers, including the families of members of the club. The tour, which left New York, Dec. 19, will call at Bermuda, Kingston, Jamaica, Havana, and Nassau, where fraternal visits will be made, returning to New York Jan. 2.

A massive delegation will cross from Florida to Havana to join the Cuban lodges in a welcome to the visitors, who will be received by President Machado. A special cruise staff of the United American Lines will handle the business details and shore excursions during the cruise.

Spurred on, apparently, by the competition of the new motor steamship Gripsholm of the Swedish-American Line, the steamship Bergenfjord of the Norwegian-American Line, made the last eastward crossing in 8½ days. The Gripsholm, it is expected, will reduce the running time between New York and Gothenburg to eight days or less, while the Bergenfjord, operating to Bergen, which is approximately the same distance, is also expediting her own schedule.

Despite the fact that tonnage reports of transcontinental freight moving by water do not indicate an increase, the year, the list of ships in the service is increasing. Recently, the American-Hawaiian Line, which operates a five-day cruise between New York and San Francisco, has scheduled two extra sailings. The motor ship Californian having left San Francisco for New York and Boston, while the Mexican preceded her over the same route a few days earlier. This is the fifth extra sailing of this line during the present season, and in addition to the five-day schedule established in July. The line confines its operations to freight traffic.

The weekly announcement of a new line to Miami has made its appearance, the New York & Florida Navigation Company being the contributor this week. This line is entering the freight service with the steamship Henry W. Breyer, to depart from New York Dec. 24.

The line has the well wishers of many persons, since, in rechristening the ship to be used, a 10-pound jar of ice cream was substituted for the material formerly considered essential in the christening of ships. Additional services are contemplated by this company according to reports, and it is said to have the backing of prominent steamship men.

Additional freight services also are being arranged by the Munson Line, which is progressing rapidly to a point of importance as an American shipping company engaged not only in coastwise but in foreign trade (to South America). The line is scheduling a New York-Baltimore service, the ships to call alternately at Boston and Philadelphia en route.

The service will be weekly, and with existing routes, will increase the number of sailings by the Munson-McCormick lines out of Baltimore and Philadelphia. With the large fleet on the New York State's Barge Canal, these coastal lines, shipping in inland points of New York State can ship direct to coastal ports with the low water rates and, presumably, on through bills of lading.

A special cruise to Cuba and Florida was scheduled to leave New York Dec. 24 on the steamship Mongolia of the Panama Pacific Line. Proceeding direct to Havana, the party will leave the Mongolia there and return to Key West by boat to Miami, and thence by rail. Return from Miami will be on the Kroonland of the American Line, recently placed on the New York-Miami run by the International Mercantile Marine.

Navigation from the head of the Lakes has closed with the departure of the last fleet of ships from Port William and Port Arthur. The grain boats are en route to Buffalo and other ports of transshipment.

For the months of October in past years, Panama Canal reports indicate a wide fluctuation in traffic. Cargo carried in intercoastal service amounted to 1,151,000 tons in October, 1925, dropped to 790,000 tons in October, 1924, and to 666,000 tons in 1923. Analysis of the figures substantiates the statement that merchandise and general cargoes are increasing. The decreases in the two last years are occasioned largely by the reduction in eastbound oil traffic, the westbound traffic being more stable in volume. The westbound amounts only to about one-third of the eastbound in tonnage, but being largely merchandise, manufactured goods and other mill products is more profitable to handle.

Total traffic through the Panama Canal for the first 10 months of the year show a reduction from the 1924 figures. The number of ships in 1924 and 1925 were, respectively, 4102 and 3583; cargo was respectively, 22,665,000 long tons and 19,820,000; and tolls were \$19,165,000 and \$17,400,000. These figures include both the United States intercoastal and the general tonnage

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The Muscovites in "La Périochole"

By WINTHROP P. TRON

New York, Dec. 21

OFFENBACH'S "La Périochole," adapted by Dantchenko and Gargier and presented by the Moscow Art Theater Musical Studio at the Jolson Theater, New York, Dec. 21, 1925. The cast:

La Périochole.....Olga Baklanova
Piquillo.....Ivan Yagodka
Don Andres.....Vladimir Losky
Don Miguel.....Semyon Rakhmanov
The Governor.....Leonid Barstov
The three sisters.....Nina Polozova
Nadiseeva Komarskaya
Ann Sablukova
Terrapont.....Sergei Orlovskoy
Acapulco.....Dmitry Karaminsky

Look out for the Russians when they play the fool, as the performers of the Moscow Art Theater Musical Studio are doing at the Jolson Theater. Look out for them when they come in the guise of Greeks, as they did a week ago, bringing the satire and sarcasm of Aristophanes.

Look out for them, too, when they come in the character of Spaniards and Peruvians, as they did tonight, bearing as their gift the ironies and insinuations of Offenbach. For guile, dramatic guile, that is to say, resides in their fun, and stratagem lurks in their laughter. Let nobody be deceived by the boyish playfulness of the women of Athens in "Lysistrata," nor by the antics of the populace and court of Colonial Lima in "La Périochole." Russian comedians have an awful way of making you laugh out of the other side of your mouth before they are done with you. They can give you a most uncomfortable impression of tragedy, even at the moment when enacting before you what, technically, you must accept as a happy ending.

Otherwise said, the men and women of the Musical Studio conceive the stage as a place for showing the human picture in its entirety. They chance to use force as their medium and monkeyshining as their method, but that takes nothing from the seriousness of their purpose nor from the comprehensiveness of their message. Indeed, the farther they go into the realm of extravagance, and the more trifling and inconsequential their procedure after they get there, the more powerful, persuasive an individual they become. Tonight they employed music, action and speech; four episodes, with a dozen or so principles, a small chorus and a few orchestral players. From the sum of effort, one little moment might be taken as telling the whole story not only of "La Périochole," but of every work, dramatic, epic or what not which stands on plot and character; and that is, the pastime of dumbshow enacted by the artists impersonating the governor, Piquillo, and La Périochole in the prison scene of the third act.

Music? No percussion instruments in the performance of a symphony ever sounded with the charm of the prison keys that tinkled at Mr. Rakhmanov's belt. Action? No protagonist in ancient drama and no star in modern ever discoursed more eloquently of fate and destiny than Mr. Yagodka, or in those of gesture than Mme. Baklanova. Speech? No need of any. The text for the time being was not in Russian, but in the fraternal language of pantomime. From the language of freedom and restraint seldom finds itself set forth with such vigor. The clang of some bits of steel, the look of an eye and the motion of a hand, and you have originally enough to warrant all this Moscow Art trouble.

Fifth Program of the Cincinnati Symphony
CINCINNATI, Dec. 19 (Special Correspondence).—After the first interval between concerts of more than a week's duration, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra came back to town from a brief tour to give the eighth

pair of concerts for the season at Emory Auditorium. These were the last concerts of the regular series which will be given before the eastern tour of the orchestra. The program was of the mixed variety so dear to the heart of Mr. Reiner, including eighteenth century music, twentieth century music of the most advanced school, and ending up with Tchaikovsky and Brahms.

A Bartók Dance Suite, heard for the first time last season, was given a second hearing and succeeded once more in mystifying the major portion of the audience. The music is of tremendous vitality and, if it is obscure in spots, it more than compensates with moments of exquisite beauty. At all times it holds the attention through the ingenuity of its orchestration and the daring of its

Fort Snelling Chapel

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13 (Special Correspondence).—To residents of Minneapolis and near-by states, Fort Snelling is well known not only as a military center and training camp, but also as a spot of rare beauty.

Situated on a promontory at the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, a more strategic and at the same time picturesque setting for a fort could hardly be desired. The fort was originally established more than a century ago as headquarters for a regiment of soldiers to protect the northwest against the invasion of foreign trading outfits and to defend the settlers from marauding bands of Indians.

Although the fort has steadily grown in importance as a military

post, it has never had a chapel building of its own. Recognizing the need for such a building, there has been formed an association of citizens of the northwest for the purpose of providing a structure that will stand as a memorial to the early pioneers and that will serve as a religious center for soldiers at the fort and their families. Permission having been granted by the United States Government to erect a pan-sectarian church building upon a designated tract, a building committee appointed by the association was authorized to select an architect to design and to supervise the construction of the chapel.

Wishing to have expressed in the design the best thought of the northwest, a competition was arranged for the selection of an architect, and all qualified architects in the State of Minnesota were invited to participate. A professional jury was selected, a program worked out by him, and the whole competition conducted along lines recommended by the American Institute of Architects. It might be stated here that the recommendations in regard to architectural competitions worked out by the American Institute of Architects are the result of a great deal of study and experience, and are intended to safeguard the public against indiscriminate or unfair competitions. To proper guidance according to these rules must be attributed much of the success of the Fort Snelling Chapel competition.

Twenty-two designs were submitted, many of them possessing great charm and interest. The program had called for the designing of a building of mingled religious and military character, of providing a large amount of accommodation for a small amount of money, effectively related to the general lay-out of the post, and taking advantage if possible of the interesting local traditions furnished by the remaining old buildings in the vicinity. The jury of awards, consisting of Col. W. E. Welch, commanding officer of the post, F. C. Riddout, chaplain, and P. C. Dillard, architect, of Chicago, Ill., selected the scheme presented by Hewitt & Brown of Minneapolis as best fulfilling these requirements.

The successful design calls for a stone building related to the Romanesque in its deeply recessed arched openings and simple, rugged character. A distinctive feature is the well composed and well proportioned round tower, which will relate the chapel harmoniously but not imitatively to the original round tower and blockhouses of the fort. Fort Snelling is assured, in the execution of this design, of a home for its religious activities which will be at once practical and beautiful, one which will fittingly commemorate the courage and sacrifices of the pioneer settlers.

R. C. C.

"A KISS FOR CINDERELLA" ON THE SCREEN



Tom Moore and Betty Bronson in the Motion Picture Version of Barrie's Fantastic Comedy, to Be Shown at the Metropolitan, Boston, and in Many Other American Cities Next Week.

"Modern Theaters"

Modern Theaters, by Irving Pichel. New York: Harcourt, Brace Company, 1925.

IN TRYING to emancipate itself from the set methods of tradition, the modern theater has set many problems for itself. The ambitious group of experimenters in America and Europe have succeeded in getting on without much of the obsolete and superfluous. They have taken courage and shifted their emphasis from adorning the auditorium to developing all those things that concern the backstage and the actual production of a play. In this new volume Irving Pichel presents many of the problems and ambitions of the modern play producer.

The author tells something of the old playhouse, with all its décor of garish display, which has now been done away with and supplemented by the extreme simplicity of the new

theater. Modern contrivances have made the old resources obsolete. The practical considerations that troubled the old producers have ceased to exist. And then, the plays themselves are different, with their insatiable tendencies toward realism and naturalism. More ingenuity must be brought into play, so that the illusions evoked will come as close as possible to the real.

The architecture is guided by aims of utility. In the auditorium the plan must be made with attention to visibility and acoustics. Adequate sight lines must be tested to find out if there is a clear view of the stage from every seat. In the modern American theater this has been worked out by making the general plan rectangular, with the side walls converging toward the stage, beginning at a point two-thirds from the back. In the matter of acoustics the author mentions the valuable researches of Wallace Sabine.

Concerning the stage plan. There are more considerations than are evident or even imagined by the layman. Indeed, the stage is five times as large as the part that is visible to the audience when the curtain is raised. The author proceeds to give a technical description of proportions. He urges the importance of plenty of off-stage space for the purposes of entrances, storing furniture, "flies," and equipment, as well as agreeable surroundings for the actors and workers who have to spend so much time there. Out front there is a contrast to the usual wretched barrenness of the backstage.

The stage has become more and more an "instrument of precision," a machine. A machine must have as its character, efficiency and possibility of being controlled. All the new mechanisms that have been applied to stage production increase the possibilities of variety and development, but at the same time demand a more rigorous and systematic organization.

This book shows how intense and active modern stage production has become. It shows the fertility of active experiment, and is a good source of encouragement to those who feel the need of some change in the too-accepted forms of the stage. Diagrams and photographs illustrate the text.

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EDITORIALS

New Aspects of the Irish Boundary Settlement

The Irish boundary settlement may have far-reaching results for Ireland's peace outside the immediate question of the border. Stanley Baldwin, in the course of the debate in the House of Commons on this subject, defined the boundary as "an accident in history fraught with terrible events." But the boundary does not stand alone as a subject of dispute. Britain's claim for a Free State contribution to the cost of the war might easily have become a not less potent element of strife. This claim was enshrined in Article V of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. In abandoning it, as is done in the present settlement, Britain has been far-sighted. The Free State undertakes, instead, much smaller but better defined obligations, chiefly in the form of writing off counter claims against Britain.

This enormously simplifies relations between Dublin and London. It leaves Southern Ireland still responsible for interest and sinking fund upon loans raised in Britain to buy out Free State landlords in favor of their tenants. It reduces Free State overseas indebtedness, however, to manageable if still burdensome proportions, and thus renders it possible for Mr. Cosgrave's Government to obtain such further financial accommodation as it may require.

The relief has come no sooner than was necessary. Dublin is already sending some £3,000,000 annually to London. This amounts to more than one-tenth of the total Free State revenue of £26,000,000, a proportion which could not safely have been increased, taking the present adverse Irish trade balance into account. Mr. Baldwin, in defending the settlement in the House of Commons, went so far as to say that the sum South Ireland is sending overseas is already larger, proportionately to revenue, than Britain is paying out under similar conditions.

Another highly contentious matter which the settlement removes has to do with the Council of Ireland. This council was set up by the Government of Ireland Act of 1920, before the Free State came into existence. It was to consist, half of representatives of the Free State and half of those of Northern Ireland. It was to control such all-Ireland services as railways and fisheries. It was abolished under the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1922 so far as the South of Ireland was concerned, but was kept alive, though in a state of suspense, for Northern Ireland. The Free State, while thus obtaining complete and sole control of the services in question within its own territories, did not surrender its claim to 50 per cent representation in this highly contentious matter in Ulster. When the Anglo-Irish Treaty came into force it was agreed to postpone for five years that portion which related to the council. This period has only two more years to run. It follows that—but for the settlement now reached—the Free State would have been able in 1927 to demand representation in the conduct of essential state services within Ulster limits—a claim highly detrimental to friendly relations.

Under the new agreement this difficulty is surmounted. Ulster gets exactly the same complete control of the railways and fisheries in the North as the Free State exercises in the South. The council is abolished. In its place is set up a voluntary arrangement which promises to be much more helpful. The two governments have agreed to "meet together as and when necessary for the purpose of considering matters of common interest arising out of the exercise and administration of the powers in question."

Big and hopeful possibilities are thus opened up. People who have been in strained relations, James H. Thomas pointed out in the House of Commons, are very liable when they meet together and discuss reciprocal interests, to find they begin to understand one another. The best hope for a united Ireland is that such meetings shall develop. The settlement thus makes for friendly relations, not only directly as regards the boundary itself, but indirectly also in removing what must otherwise have been questions liable at any time to interfere with peace.

It having been made quite plain, by reading between the lines, that the United States, should it accept the invitation of the League of Nations to participate in the preliminary discussion of plans for the calling of a disarmament conference, would be expected to participate on an equality with all other governments, whatever thought there may have been of sending to Geneva only "official observers," seems to have been abandoned. Apparently President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg have no hesitancy in allowing it to be known that they favor full representation and free participation in the meeting, which probably will be held about the middle of February, for the purpose of arranging for the conference which it is hoped will result in a more comprehensive plan for disarmament than was possible to agree upon in Washington.

There is no question as to the attitude of the United States, regardless of party or creed, toward the subject of world peace. The Administration, the people and many of the organizations in which the people are represented, are committed irrevocably to the settlement of international disputes without resort to arms. It should not be necessary, this being the case, for those in authority to act in the matter of representation at the forthcoming Geneva meeting without taking Congress and the people into their confidence. It should not be necessary to dispatch a secret mission, with covered instructions, upon so worthy and so commendable an errand. This the President could do, no doubt, trusting to the mood of Congress when the time came to provide funds for the undertaking. But there is no demand for secrecy and no call for it.

It would be pleasant to believe that no individual nor clique in the American Congress is powerful enough to forestall the desires and hopes of the enlightened electorate representing more than a hundred million free people. The

agenda of the disarmament conference to be called will, unless all signs fail, be similar to that adopted for the Washington conference, except that it may be hoped to make the assurance of world peace a little more certain.

Probably no Senator or Representative, of whatever political party, would care to stand out in opposition to the unrestrained participation of the United States in what promises to be a most important and far-reaching work. The country is represented at European capitals by men who are familiar with all the aspects of the situation and who are capable of sustaining the dignity and the accepted position of their Government. Mr. Herrick at Paris, Mr. Houghton at London, and Mr. Gibson at Geneva, would form independently, or supplement, such a delegation representative of American thought.

Any possible doubt as to the attitude of the American Federation of Labor toward the cause of the striking operatives in the anthracite field affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America has been dissipated by President William Green's appeal to organized labor generally in behalf of the strikers. Recently it was intimated, if not actually threatened, that the coal miners had decided to remain out an entire year unless the demands they have made are met. Every effort to bring about a settlement has been frustrated, and in the meantime the industry to which the miners and their families look for support is in a state of stagnation. The plight of the idle men and their dependents is deplorable. Of this there is no doubt. Their needs are many at this season of the year, as are those of the people in the anthracite regions whose business has suffered by the shutting down of the mines.

But it is just to place the responsibility of maintenance of these unhappy and unfortunate idle men upon the wage earners in other industries? Every laboring man and woman in the United States has been called upon to pay, directly or indirectly, a premium upon fuel, assessed because of the strike in the anthracite fields. This burden is not a small one or one easy to bear. Operatives on coal-carrying roads in the anthracite zone have suffered because of unemployment. In some degree the people in the entire eastern area of the United States have been inconvenienced or have suffered monetary losses because of the continued idleness in the anthracite industry.

Can a proper or fair adjustment of the matter be made now by calling upon the hard-working wage earner who has not laid down his tools in the hope that through idleness he might compel the payment of a higher wage, to contribute to the dole of the striking miners? The margin of profit to the man who works six days a week is small enough, with prices at their present levels. Is the laborer who toils to demand more for the day's work that he may contribute to the support of the idle? By so doing he would add an extra burden upon productive industry and thus to the cost of living to be borne by all. It would seem to be the wise course to impress upon the striking miners the wisdom of taking immediate steps to compose their differences with the mine operators, thereby reasserting and establishing, in a measure, their own economic independence.

Probably it was inevitable that the immediate sequel to the announcement made a few days ago to the effect that Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Free Synagogue in New York, had declared that Jewry must accept the Nazarene Prophet as a great Jewish teacher and indorse his ethical code, would be a symposium of almost unanimous rabbinical opinion in opposition to the view expressed. It is not to be wondered at that among many of those adhering to either the orthodox or so-called reform opinion in the Jewish churches there should prevail the supposition that the statement attributed to Rabbi Wise is both "sensational" and "misleading." With becoming consideration, it seems, the recognized orthodox churchmen of Dr. Wise's faith declined to discuss the subject publicly or participate in a controversy in the press.

But it seems that the so-called reform clergy are inclined to speak their sentiments with less reserve. One of them refers to Dr. Wise as "the sensationalist of the Jewish pulpit." But it is difficult for one who reads understandingly what Dr. Wise says, to see in it anything even approaching sensationalism. The thought of the world has gone far in recent years toward reconciling the views of Jew and Christian on the matter which is still made controversial. Still it is not easy for either Jew or Christian, clinging to century-old concepts, to meet on the common ground which reverence and reason seem so clearly to have marked out.

Dr. Wise makes his premise perfectly plain in a statement issued subsequent to his sermon. He says: "There is no question of embracing Christianity save by Christians. I do not need to be a Christian in order to recognize the place of Jesus in the great Jewish tradition. Is not the hour come for us, his fellow-Jews, to place Jesus exactly where he belongs—this radiant Jewish teacher in Palestine of the first century?"

It is unfortunate, only, that it seems impossible for the acknowledged defenders of any faith to engage in a discussion of conflicting creedal beliefs without indulging in acrimony. But out of even such discussion there must finally come, revealed in the clear light of reason, a ground of common understanding. In no century since the dawn of the present era has there been greater progress toward this understanding than during the fifty years just past. There is indeed gratifying promise that there is to be early fulfillment of prophecy. It has been written:

Now is the time approaching.
By prophets long foretold,
When all shall dwell together,
One shepherd and one fold.
Now Jew and Gentile, meeting
From many a distant shore,
Around one altar kneeling,
One common Lord adore.

The taxpayers of Germany must have incurred something of a shock when they learned from an article in the Morgen Post that the state was paying the sum of \$440,000,000 annually for pensions, mainly to officers in the now disbanded army. The German law does not make disability a necessary condition for a pension. Ten years' service, with war-time service counting double, is all that is required. Many veterans of the rank of general draw as much as \$6000 a year, and avowed enemies of the German Government, such as the Crown Prince-Rupprecht, do not scruple to draw comfortable stipends from the Treasury.

Probably the publication of these facts will result in the ultimate correction of the abuse. Unlike some of her continental neighbors, Germany still maintains freedom of the press and of political criticism, and where such criticism exists no scandalous misappropriation of public moneys can long continue.

The United States, however, can well sympathize with Germany in this new revelation of the cost of war. As an offset to the German expenditure for pensions, this country proposes, according to this year's budget, to spend \$458,965,000 for the Veterans Bureau. In theory this expenditure, except such part of it as goes in payment of claims for bonus, is made for the relief of veterans who are wholly or partially disabled. In practice, optimists even will fear, more of this huge sum will go to mere taxpayers than to men deserving of their country's gratitude and in need of material aid.

It has been in the air for weeks, and in the thoughts of men, and women, and children—millions upon millions of children—for months. There is something about the Christmas season that is unlike any other holiday of the whole year. Those who have seen it come and go many times have almost as often decided that never thereafter would they permit themselves to be moved by its insistent appeal. In some degree, at least, many have believed themselves to be Scrooges of a sane and reasonable kind. Looking back on Christmases past, they have failed to take any account of Christmases to come, much less of the Christmases present.

How vain it has all been, and how unwise withal! Some have persuaded themselves that they are tired of giving, and yet they find their chief happiness in sharing even their simple blessings with those about them. They seek to persuade themselves that remembrances from others mean nothing to them, yet there is accompanying even the tiniest testimony of another's love and affection a ray of ineffable warmth and joy that thrills the heart. All of us are children when Christmas comes.

Possibly the explanation of all this is not hard to find. It requires no deep or searching analysis to discover, even where it might have been least expected, that most generous of human impulses, the desire to express kindness and affection. It may have been imagined that it is merely a wordy theory that proclaims the great truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But even human experience has convinced many that no truer words were ever spoken. Sometimes we forget, but Christmas comes again, with its silent and convincing influences for good, and even the habitually thoughtless look about them to discover those upon whom some simple bounty may be bestowed.

Christmas is no longer a tradition or merely a holiday. It is an institution. It could no more be legislated out of human experience than could spring, or summer, or seedtime and harvest. The greens, and lights, and songs form no ritual; neither does the mere giving of material gifts constitute its seasonal rite. All these, one chooses to believe, are but the varying and present accompaniment to the deeper and finer melodies that arise within human hearts. We are all children. Perhaps we somewhat bashfully seek to conceal our true emotions, and with picturesque disguises make harmless jest of our giving. But the deed remains to bless both those who give and those who receive. The day itself marks neither the beginning nor the end of the season of giving. It is more as if, with the memories of Christmases past and the vision of Christmases to come, there has surged up, in the thoughts of all of us in this Christmas which is here, a clearer and better realization of all the blessings Love has bestowed.

Editorial Notes

It is a truly welcome announcement at this Christmas season that the Russian Soviet Government, which has barred all but a few shipments of Bibles into that country during the last five years, has granted permission for the printing of a considerable number of Bibles at the government printing offices in Moscow and Leningrad. These Bibles are to be circulated by the Soviet, without profit, to all religious groups in Russia, the American Bible Society has announced. There is an old saw that urges that one should not look a gift horse in the mouth, and consequently the statement by the Soviet officials that changes in spelling required by them would make it impossible to use old printing plates, if they were available, need not arouse criticism. The Bible society has announced its offer to provide between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the making of new plates, and the fact that the Bibles are to be permitted free circulation is cause for more than ordinary gratitude.

Sliced deer horn, which has been used as medicine in China for more than 3000 years, has been submitted, according to a recent news item, to the Westfield testing and research laboratories for analysis. The dispatch quoted added that it was thought that there may be a high vitamin content in the horn which has not yet been discovered. Perhaps we shall no longer be asking if there is balm in Gilead; rather the question now may be, "Are there any vitamins in the deer's horn?"

War's After-Cost

When Christmas Comes

A Candle for Christmas Eve

One story closer to the stars and cold moon than other buildings is the Ritz-Fitz Hotel, and one story closer to the stars and cold moon than the Ritz-Fitz Hotel is the Consolidated Amalgamated Building, and one story closer to the stars and cold moon than the Consolidated Amalgamated Building is the Raggeder Riggs Building, and the Raggeder Riggs Building was crying.

"Why are you crying?" asked the thin keen wind. "I am crying because I have so many stories that I am close to the stars and cold moon and because tonight every one of my stories is lonelier than the last," said the Raggeder Riggs Building.

"Why is that?" shrilled the thin keen wind. "Because it is Christmas Eve, and because all the Human People have gone home to their dwellings which are only one or two stories tall, and are sitting before warm fires while I am empty and deserted."

The Raggeder Riggs Building shed tears at this, great skyscraper tears; but from far below on the street it only looked as though a water main were leaking and forming icicles under the stars and cold moon. And the Raggeder Riggs Building wept so long and hard that its eyes grew red—red in the darkness as though the last rays of the setting sun were shining upon the highest pinnacled windows over the top of the Amalgamated Consolidated Building and over the top of the Ritz-Fitz Hotel and over the top of the United National Federal Joint State Bank, ever so much farther below. But in the darkness of Christmas Eve there was no one to see how red the eyes of the Raggeder Riggs Building were except the thin keen wind.

"Don't cry," said the wind as it whistled by the abutments and the towers and the pinnacles of the Raggeder Riggs Building. "Don't cry!"

"I cry because I am the loneliest thing in all the city," said the skyscraper. "If I could find one thing in the city lonelier than I, I should not cry any longer."

"Well then, wait a bit," said the thin keen wind, "and I will search high and low through the city and find out whether there is anyone lonelier than you."

So the thin keen wind set off. It whistled down boulevards and it roared up avenues, and it chased through byways and scoured through alleys. But nobody minded. Because it was Christmas Eve. On one street carolers were singing and the thin keen wind made the flame of their lanterns flicker and gutter, but they only sang more merrily. And the wind blew round the houses of the rich and they only threw on another log and cried, "Heard the wind!" and it whistled through the homes of the poor, but they did not feel it because they were happy.

And so the thin keen wind whistled back to tell the Raggeder Riggs Building that it was the loneliest thing in the city. But just as it was about to blow to the highest story, what should it strike at the corner of the pediment at the very base of the Raggeder Riggs Building itself than Tommy Jones. Tommy Jones was a new boy who had bought his coat with a safety pin. This was because Mary, his sister, was not old enough to sew on his buttons. All day long Tommy sold papers; in the morning he sold the Sun and the Globe and the Earth and the other diurnal bodies, and in the evening he sold the Star and the Moon and the later editions of the Eclipse. These constellations aided Tommy to pay the rent for himself and his sister Mary until she grew up and was able to sew on his buttons.

Tommy was really what is called a Sociological Problem but he had no idea he was so important. He only knew that he had a sister at home with nothing to bring her at Christmas Eve. That was the reason he rubbed his flat into his eye and tried to pin the big safety pin tighter when the thin keen wind found him. "Well," demanded the Raggeder Riggs Building, as the wind dashed back. "Stop crying!" said the wind, and it froze one of the big tears solid with a puff. "But am I not the loneliest thing in all the city?" cried the skyscraper. "How can anyone be lonelier than a skyscraper on Christmas Eve? In the rooms on my twenty-first story are hung Christmas wreaths—but there is no one on my twenty-first story."

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The World's Great Capitals: The Week in Rome

The recent ministerial changes in France and the difficulties which have presented themselves before the several French statesmen in their efforts to form a stable administration have offered the Fascist press an additional argument wherewith to uphold its assertion that no material or moral progress can be achieved by any government unless parliamentary misgovernment is supplanted by the rule of a strong man who has the confidence of the whole nation. The papers point out that no better illustration could be given of Signor Mussolini's thesis that democratic parliamentarism is in decay, and that the present parliamentary situation in France, with its rapid succession of weak ministries, is identical in many ways with the crisis which preceded the Fascist coup of three years ago.

A long-standing difference of opinion between the inhabitants of Milan has just been settled without arousing fresh controversies. It concerns the equestrian statue of Napoleon III, the Emperor of the French, which was temporarily placed in one of the handsome courtyards of the Palace of the Senate, where it has remained for the past sixty years. Shortly after his passing on in 1873, several Milanese patriots conceived the idea of commemorating suitably the part which the Emperor had taken in the victories of Solferino and Magenta, by the erection of a monument in his honor. The idea was opposed by the Garibaldians and by all those who still recollected the defeat of Mentana, but as the public subscriptions were amply sufficient to cover the expenses of the monument, an order was placed in the hands of the Italian sculptor, Francesco Barzaghi, and the work was soon done. Opposition to the placing of the monument near the Arch of Peace, the spot chosen by the authorities, was so great that it was decided to place it temporarily in the courtyard of the Palace of the Senate, out of public view. The excitement had calmed down. After more than fifty years the municipal authorities of Milan have re-examined the whole question, and have decided to place it in the great park of the city.

The statement issued by the Minister of Communications, Costanzo Ciano, that the postwar deficit in the Italian railway administration, which until now encumbered the finances of the country, has been eliminated has created an excellent impression in all quarters. The development of the state railways has in the last five years grown satisfactorily, and the Administration begins the new year with a credit balance of 175,000,000 lire. Compared with the year before the war, 1913-14, there has been in 1924-25 an increase of 68 per cent in the number of passengers and of 72 per cent in the merchandise traffic, while the personnel has been greatly diminished. The surplus realized this year will be mainly devoted to the benefit of the railway workers and to the amelioration of the service.

One of the oldest banking institutions in Italy, the Monte dei Paschi di Siena, has celebrated the third centenary of its foundation, and the excitement of the occasion Victor an occasion to pay a visit to the historic town. The bank was formed by the fusion of three old banks, and its present name has a curious origin. In the fourteenth century the people of Siena were sadly in debt, and it was decided to pay off this obligation through the natural resources of the city, namely, the revenues derived from the sale of salt and from the pastures (paschi) in the neighboring districts. The bank rapidly rose to importance and branches were opened all over Italy, but its prosperity really began when the ruler of Siena allowed the "magistrato" of the bank to accept money on deposit and to invest it in commercial enterprises. The political changes which occurred in Siena during the last three centuries did not affect the stability of the institution and its flourishing conditions were greatly increased after the incorporation of Siena in the Italian kingdom.

A marble slab will be unveiled on Jan. 1 on the facade of the Hotel Dragoni, a few yards distant from the Foreign Office (Palazzo Chigi) to record Signor Mussolini's escape from the recent attack made upon

to see them! In my elevators are hung Christmas mottoes. "Remember the Elevator Boys—but all the elevator boys have gone home!" "You are lonely for yourself," said the keen wind. "but I have found someone who is lonely for somebody else, and that is always much worse, Raggeder Riggs Building."

"Yes!" said the skyscraper doubtfully. "It is Tommy Jones, the boy who buttons his coat with a safety pin. He is sorry he has nothing to take his sister Mary for Christmas Eve. Look down and you will see him."

So the Raggeder Riggs Building looked down. There at the very foot of the farthestmost abutment of the farthestmost escarpment, and hidden away in the shadow, was Tommy Jones. He was not trying to sell the later editions of the Eclipse now, because everyone else had gone home.

The Raggeder Riggs Building looked down from under the stars and cold moon and felt a curious little throb go through it, so that all its windows jarred, even to its inmost, interior, inaccessible steel girder. The Raggeder Riggs Building sniffed. The Raggeder Riggs Building stopped crying. Its tears froze on the spot and the last one formed a tremendous icicle.

"I think perhaps you are right, thin keen wind," it said quietly. "What can I do? What can a skyscraper close to the stars and cold moon do for a small boy who buttons his coat with a safety pin?"

"Let me think," said the wind. "So the thin keen wind thought, and as it thought there was a humming and a rushing and a shrilling of air current all through the house tops and chimney pots and steeples and pinnacles over the twinkling city. It was the wind thinking. "I know!" it exclaimed at last.

With a sudden gust it dashed against the last, largest icicle that was a frozen tear of the Raggeder Riggs Building. The tear had trickled down near the ground, and now when it fell it dropped right on the later edition of the Eclipse and did not break. Tommy Jones looked round in surprise. Then he saw the icicle. It was a lovely icicle. Through it shot purple glints as of cold diamonds, and it twinkled with all the lights of all the city, of street lamps, car windows, automobiles and big shop fronts, and its end glistened with the frozen flashings of harbor lights across dark water. And besides this, the icicle was taller by a foot than the pink and white candy canes hung in confectioners' windows!

"Why, what a wonderful gift!" said Tommy Jones. He picked it up and ran home as fast as he could. "Look what I have brought!" he cried.

Mary Jones clasped her hands, but she could not say anything she was so excited. The icicle was almost as tall as she. It seemed to fill the whole room with its radiance though some of the light seemed to come from Tommy's face.

"It is a gift," said Tommy.

"For me?" said Mary, clasping her hands again. "You are terribly generous, Tommy!"

"It is lucky our room isn't heated," said Tommy, trying to be matter-of-fact. "The icicle will not melt so fast."

"I never thought of that," said Mary. She looked from the icicle to Tommy's face.

"After we are done looking at it we can hang it outside the window where it will stay frozen," said Tommy. "The street lamps outside will make it flash like a whole forest of Christmas trees!"

But Mary only clasped her hands. The thin keen wind, which had been blowing through a crack in the pane to see what would happen, straightway rushed off to give the Raggeder Riggs Building the news. In front of the pane all that evening the icicle flashed like a forest of Christmas trees, and Mary kept clasping and unclasping her hands, and Tommy smiled and smiled.

But no one knew—except, of course, the thin keen wind itself, and the Raggeder Riggs Building that rises up story after story under the stars and cold moon—that the Christmas gift was really a frozen tear.

Letters to the Editor

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Christmas Eve in Prague

To the Editor of THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

In Prague, and in Central Europe generally, the evening before Christmas has a more serious and sacred character than Christmas Day itself. There is a strong tradition that on Christmas Eve every family should be united within its own walls, and people travel long distances to be at home at that time. On this one occasion men cease to be merely workmen or officials, and rise to the dignity of independent representatives of humanity fulfilling a sacred duty; the festival at home is more important than anything else; and so in the whole of Prague on Christmas Eve the conditions resemble those of a general strike.

From about 7 o'clock there are no trams running, and very few taxis. The streets are dark and deserted, for even the cafés and restaurants are closed; and ignorant tourists looking for supper in some public resort will look in vain. One may feel at home in Prague on any other evening in the year in spite of the enigmatic language and the unfamiliar streets, but on Christmas Eve when the friendliest of waiters, tram conductors, commissionaires and vendors of hot sausages are spirited away into the fastnesses of their own families, the alien stranger is left entirely without resources unless his landlady takes pity on him. To be without a home in Prague on Christmas Eve is to experience the full bitterness of exile.

But if the streets are empty and inhospitable the homes inside the houses are full of a warm and sober satisfaction. On this evening the harassed waiter is a patriarchal figure at his ease, and sits at his own table before one of the elaborate meals with which the Czechs celebrate their festivals. After supper the children sing old Czech carols.

W. M.

Prohibition and Motion Picture Theaters

To the Editor of THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

Undoubtedly prohibition more than anything else is responsible for the great increase in attendance at motion picture theaters in recent years. Much of the money that before prohibition was spent for drink, and much of the time then spent in drinking, is now spent at the "movies."

Exhibitors must be aware of what prohibition means to their business, so why not enlist them in the fight for enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment?

Tax reductions have helped the motion picture industry, especially the removal of some admission taxes and the elimination of the seat tax.

Cannot the exhibitors be made to realize the advantage in dollars and cents to their business, and so be enlisted in the Government's fight for law enforcement?

MOTION PICTURE THEATER OWNER.